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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE WESTERN FRONT.

French Repulse German Attack.

London, January 26.

A French communique says:—The Germans last night attacked at four points from Avocourt wood to the east of Morihomme. Our fire drove them back into their trenches. Only some enemy parties succeeded in penetrating the advanced trenches in the sector of Hill 304. The enemy sustained very heavy losses and left numerous bodies before our lines, especially at Avocourt wood.

Seven enemy aeroplanes were brought down, including Lieutenant Gynemer's twenty-eighth, and Lieutenant Haurteaux's nineteenth.

Our air squadrons heavily bombed several railway stations; also butments and military establishments. A great fire was caused at the railway station of Bieulles.

A German Claim.

London, January 26.

A German wireless message says:—The Westphalian and Baden troops stormed trenches on Height 304, along a mile front on the west bank of the Meuse, inflicting sanguinary losses and taking prisoner five hundred.

A French night counter-attack failed.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

Prisoners Taken in Offensive.

London, January 26.

A Russian wireless official message says:—Between the Tirl Swamp and the As River, we adopted the offensive and dislodged the enemy, taking some prisoners.

We withdrew under German pressure.

We advanced a mile in the direction of Kalocm, but fell back before counter-attacks.

General Irachkevitch led the first line, and, though wounded, remained at his post.

Further German Progress.

London, January 26.

A wireless German message says:—We occupied further positions on both sides of the As River and repulsed counter-attacks on the east bank. Five hundred prisoners were captured.

SUFFOLK COAST SHELLED.

A German Vessel's Visit.

London, January 26.

An official message says that a small, unidentified German vessel approached the Suffolk Coast last night and fired shells. There were no casualties, and the damage was insignificant.

A Three-Minute Visit.

London, January 26.

The German attack on the Suffolk Coast was made between 11 and 12 o'clock. Shells were fired, and the visit lasted three minutes.

EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

Successor to General Smuts.

London, January 26.

An East African official message says that Lieutenant-General A. B. Hoskins succeeds General Smuts as Commander-in-Chief in East Africa.

Enemy Falling Back.

London, January 26.

An East African official message says:—North and south of the Lower Rufiji and in the delta, the Germans are falling back in the direction of Ute and Utembe Lake.

Strong forces of the enemy are retiring to the south from Mahenge and Rabudje River.

We invested and compelled to surrender an enemy detachment at Likaja. We took thirty-nine Europeans and 250 Askari prisoner, besides a field gun.

GOVERNMENT'S TEA SCHEME FOR TROOPS.

London, January 25.

The Times says it is understood that, with a view to the continued large requirements for tea for the forces, a scheme is proposed whereby the Government will acquire the unsold crops of certain Indian tea gardens. It is suggested that prices current before the war be paid, with a fair addition.

The scheme is somewhat criticised by the tea trade, on the ground that the companies whose balance of crops is so acquired will fare less well than those able to continue to secure the full market price.

There is an opinion in certain quarters that a method might be devised whereby the effect of the lower prices payable to the Government could be spread over the whole trade.

SPAIN OBLIGED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL.

London, January 25.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Madrid, the Premier, Senor Romanones, in a speech, said that Spain was obliged to remain neutral at present, but, in view of his great prestige, King Alfonso would certainly have the glory of mediating when the opportunity arose.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

GERMAN DESIRES.

London, January 25.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, writing in the *Dortlander Tageblatt*, Theodor Wolff says:—"Neutralisation of the Dardanelles, under a general guarantee, would find many German supporters, who, of course, would desire that the Suez Canal and the Straits of Gibraltar should not be forgotten."

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NAVAL CONFERENCE.

Results Entirely Satisfactory.

London, January 25.

The Admiralty announces that during the last few days an important naval conference at the Admiralty between the British, French and Italian Admiralties discussed the naval policy in the Mediterranean. Britain's delegates were: Sir E. Carson, Admiral Jellicoe, Commodore Halsey, Rear Admiral Oliver. France was represented by Admirals Lacaze, De Bon, Fatou and De L'Ostende, and Italy by Admirals Corsi, Marzolo and Captain Di Villarey. Moreover, Signor D'Adda, the Italian Minister of Munitions, M. De Joly, the French Director of Shipping, and Signor Ancona, the Italian Under Secretary for Transport, attended; also naval and civilian experts.

Mr. Lloyd George indicated the proposals which the British Government were of opinion would tend to a closer co-ordination and more effective unity of action of the Allied forces.

The results were entirely satisfactory. The decisions were important, affecting, besides the naval operations, the use of shipping, the control of trade routes, and other cognate problems.

The Delegates.

London, January 26.

The delegates to the Naval Conference are:—Britain: The Fourth Sea Lord, Commodore Halsey (Chief of the Staff), Vice-Admiral Oliver.

France: The Minister of Marine, Admiral Lacaze (Chief of the Staff), Vice-Admiral De Bon, Rear-Admiral Fatou (Naval Attache in London), and Rear-Admiral De L'Ostende.

Italy: The Minister of Marine, Vice-Admiral Corsi (Chief of the Staff), Rear-Admiral Marzolo (Naval Attache in London), and Captain Di Villarey.

A GERMAN ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, January 26.

A German official announcement, received by wireless, states:—"We progressed on both banks of the As River."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S PEACE TALK.

A Dutch View.

The Hague, January 26.

The Foreign Minister has expressed the opinion that it would be unwise for the Netherlands policy to bind itself to exercise economic and military compulsion against any other power, as outlined in President Wilson's speech.

Opinion in Hungary.

Amsterdam, January 26.

In the Hungarian Parliament, Count Tisza, in referring to President Wilson's speech, said he sympathetically greeted every effort to restore peace. He was therefore, inclined to continue to exchange views of peace with the United States, but the Entente's war aims, which meant the disintegration of Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire, were irreconcilable with President Wilson's aims.

He asserted that Hungary honoured the principle of nationalities; indeed the free development of the nations of south-eastern Europe was only completely realisable by the existence of the domination of Austria-Hungary. "Therefore, we are completely in agreement with President Wilson."

DEAR COAL IN PARIS.

Paris, January 26.

The price of coal is ten shillings a hundred-weight.

AN INTERESTING ORDER IN COUNCIL.

London, January 26.

An Order in Council renders compulsory the sale or loan to the Treasury of Foreign securities. This is required to regulate the exchange, and has been, so far, voluntary.

THE ST. THEODORE.

London, January 26.

A telegram from Pernambuco says that the captured St. Theodore was despatched on a raiding expedition on December 25.

Many of the officers of the German raider wore iron crosses for service on the Moewe.

When the Mount Temple was sunk, some horses, which formed part of the cargo, swam towards the raider, but were shot at from the deck by officers and crew.

BAD WEATHER IN RUMANIA.

London, January 26.

"The Times" correspondent at Jassy says that intense cold has practically stopped military operations.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Sir Douglas Haig's Report.

London, January 26.

Sir Douglas Haig reports:—"We carried out a successful raid at noon in the neighbourhood of Hulluch. Many of the enemy were killed and some captured. A deposit was destroyed. We had four slightly wounded."

We drove off two raiding parties last night eastward of Fauquissart. A third party reached the trenches eastward of Ypres, but was immediately driven out and our position re-established.

There has been much aerial activity. Our anti-aircraft guns brought down an enemy machine and, in the course of air fights, four others were destroyed and three driven down damaged. Three of ours are missing.

Destructive Bombardment by the French.

London, January 26.

A French communique states:—"German organisations and batteries in the region of Luneville and Hartmannswillerkopf were destructively bombed."

There was a fairly lively artillery struggle in Upper Alsace.

AMERICAN OPINION.

Lloyd George to the Rescue.

A greater victory for the German Government than the taking of Bucharest is the crisis in the British Cabinet, by which Mr. Asquith was forced to resign and the War Minister, Mr. David Lloyd-George was appointed as his successor, according to the New York World, while other journals call it a confession of incompetency in war-policies, which is confirmed by the secret sessions of the Chamber of Deputies in France, with accompanying rumors of changes in the French Government.

German might be sceptical about the actual value of the operations in Rumania, remarks the World, but he can not be sceptical about a British Cabinet crisis resulting from dissatisfaction with the way things are going in the war. Yet it wonders how much of this dissatisfaction is grounded in the blunders of the Government and how much in the ignorance of the nature of war. For, the World goes on to say, in all the criticism of the Asquith Government there has been no unanimity of opinion as to what it ought to have done or how it could have better mobilized the resources of the Empire for better effect on the Eastern and Western fronts. Nothing is so easy in time of war as criticism, and this daily utters the admonition that the British people will discover that the oftener they change their Government in this war, the more it remains the same thing and the more aid and comfort they give to their "highly resourceful enemy."

Furthermore, the World believes that Mr. Lloyd-George has been leading "his great powers and reputations as a Liberal to the purposes of a Tory cabal which will next turn upon him if he does not change his coat altogether."

The break is plainly due to a difference between Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George, the New York Journal of Commerce notes in reviewing the facts in the case, and the difference is not a personal one so much as one of temperament and of method. We are reminded incidentally that the English Cabinet is a combination body of more than twenty members, whose immediate contact with Parliament and the King is through its chief member, the Prime Minister. Mr. Asquith has been disposed to consult and deliberate to secure harmony, whereas Mr. Lloyd-George is for prompt and energetic action. It is recalled that as head of the War Department, Mr. Lloyd-George met with so much obstruction and delay that he eventually sought to have the conduct of the war placed in the hands of a small board, within the main body of the Cabinet, made up from its

members, but not dependent upon its deliberating action. Apparently, the Journal of Commerce goes on to say, he desired to be the head of this war-council and not to have a Prime Minister connected with it. When the Prime Minister resisted, the War Minister offered his resignation. This led Mr. Asquith to yield "not to the War Minister, but to the King, with a view to retiring and permitting the formation of a new Cabinet."

In the view of the New York Commercial the failure of the Entente Allies to save Rumania is the cause of the Cabinet crisis, and it states that with the news from London comes a rumour from Paris that Joffre, Commander-in-Chief of the Western Allied forces, may be supplanted. We are further told, too, that Lloyd-George favours a more vigorous war in the East, where the Teutonic Alliance is winning more and more territory in a region which is the goal of the German Emperor's ambition. Indeed, it is said that Germany "can afford to abandon all her colonial possessions if she can expand in the Near East and lie across England's road to India and Russia's path through the Dardanelles to the open sea."

The shake-up that has placed Mr. Lloyd-George at the head of affairs, remarks the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph will "hearten the nation at an hour which is far from the brightest in its history."

and the Brooklyn Eagle, also his admirer, contrasts his place in the public eye to-day with that six years ago, when he was "revolutionising theories of taxation and reducing the House of Lords to the position of an innocuous debating-club." Then no man in the Kingdom was so bitterly assailed, says the Eagle, and the common feeling was expressed in the old story of the hero who jumped into the Thames near the Houses of Parliament to rescue a drowning man, and subsequently assured an admiring crowd that "it was nothing, nothing at all."

adding, "I heard him cry for help, went in after him, found him floating on his face, turned him over to make sure he wasn't Lloyd-George, and then towed him ashore!"

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Monday, January 29.

West Point Building Co's Meeting: 11.30 a.m.
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FROM WAR TO PEACE.

Future of Employment Exchanges.

It is on the Government Employment Exchanges that the success of the transition will depend when the time comes to reinstate several millions of civilian workers and soldiers in normal industry. To make the working of the Exchanges more human, more elastic, less mechanical, to help all parties engaged in industry to operate without loss of time and energy; to add to the skill of the permanent officials, the special knowledge of local industries possessed by the people engaged in them—this would be a long step towards securing the successful transfer of men and women from military services to the normal employment of peace.

In the first place, the supreme control of the Exchanges should be placed in the hands of a small commission of employers and trade unionists, with the chief Government permanent official as chairman. There would be no difficulty in finding, for a commission of this nature, men of wide experience and of the highest ability.

In the second place, to control each of the sub-divisions, at present directed by a divisional superintendent, a local committee should be appointed with the permanent official as the secretary. With the added knowledge made available by such local executive committees, employers would expect that their special needs would be more carefully met; equally well, workpeople would expect a better regulation of the supply of labour, within the particular industries of their district. The war has greatly accentuated this need for the improved use of the available supply of labour. With the rapid development in the use of similar machinery in many different industries, and the extensive subdivision of processes, there is also proceeding a corresponding increase in the mobility of labour from industry to industry. The full possibilities in this direction are, however, known only to the men engaged in the particular industries. This co-operation on local committees could very greatly reduce the reserves of labour necessary to maintain the groups of trades within which such mobility of labour is possible. To obtain the assistance of trade unionists in securing this improved organization, standard rates would have to be recognized.

Much of the disbelief amongst workpeople in the value of the Employment Exchanges is due to those men and women who, for various reasons, are unfit for employment, and are tacitly refused by the officials, but who continue to register week by week, to haunt the Labour Exchange offices from day to day and to grumble at the uselessness of the place as a medium for finding work. Their presence is an unfair burden on the Exchanges. On the other hand, no single permanent official should have such power over a man as indefinitely to withhold work from him, and only by a group of workmates and employers should it be possible to decide that a man cannot reasonably expect employment in a given industry.

The benefit derived from the changes here outlined would not be confined to material things. Much present-day industrial unrest is a measure of the intellectual discontent of workpeople anxious to assume a larger share in determining the conditions of their life and labour. The progress of the community will be measured by the opportunities for self-government, not purely political, but also economic, which it offers to the many separate groups within the State. —G. K. Griffen, in the *Times*, Nov.

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GENERAL NEWS.

To Visit Sumatra. Sumatra papers learn that the Governor General of the Philippines is expected to arrive in Sumatra next June on big game shooting, and will be accompanied by some 100 people. The division chiefs have already been requested by the local authorities to give all the assistance required in making the expedition a successful one.

The Trouble in Sumatra. The Sumatra west coast rebellion seems to be spreading in some districts, writes a Singapore Free Press correspondent on January 15; but in the Tobu highlands and Si Borongborong the rebellion has been quashed. There have been several encounters between the police and military and rebels. A number of rebels have been killed. Military reinforcements have arrived in the disturbed areas, all the villages of which are deserted, the natives having taken to the jungle. The insurgents wear white headgear.

An Extraordinary Voyage. What a nautical journal declares to have been "one of the most extraordinary voyages ever made across the Atlantic" was recently completed by the Vigilant, a small tug belonging to New York, which port she left for Cardiff, Wales, on October 11. She experienced terrific weather, and sent out SOS calls when the captain feared she would founder. The steamer Ryndam took off the captain and twelve of the Vigilant's crew. Three men—Ferguson, a Scot; Walsh, an Irishman; and John Smith, an American—elected to stick by the tug. They brought her into port on November 1, having been at their posts fifty hours without food, water, or sleep. Scotland, Ireland, and America may well be proud of men like these.—Outlook.

How Hejaz Chiefs Declared Independence. Emir Abdullah, third son of the Sherief and Foreign Minister in Arabia, has made the following statement, says Le Temps, a correspondent of an Egyptian newspaper:—"At the time of the atrocities committed by Djemal Pasha in Syria, the Sherief sent his son, Emir Faical, to intervene in favour of the persecuted Arabs and to stop, or at least delay, the executions which were taking place. Djemal Pasha attempted to have the Emir arrested and continued his persecution. Upon the return of Emir Faical, the Sherief summoned the notables of Hejaz and explained the situation, which had become critical. The population was beginning to lack even bread. The Chiefs of Hejaz decided to proclaim their independence, and Hussein, son of Ali, was unanimously elected their supreme chief, Emir and Sherief of Mecca."

Police in the Spot-light. The "fierce light that beats upon a throne" will, it is said, indeed be thrown upon the traffic police in St. Louis. Says a writer in the Electrical World:—"The Union Electric Light and Power Company of St. Louis, Mo., is flood-lighting the traffic policemen on some of the busy corners of the city. The plan is meeting with wide local approval. The police like to be in the lime-light; the automobile drivers appreciate anything that will speed up traffic, and the Union Electric Company is pleased to know that the attempt to aid the public is successful. Last winter an effort to make the motions of these traffic-directors more easily seen was made by equipping them with big white gloves. To increase the illumination at the busy corners, 500 watt lamps in flood-lighting projectors have been mounted on adjacent high buildings. Since the lamps are located well above the street and the beams from them are sent almost directly downward, there is no objectionable glare either in the eyes of the officers or in those of car-drivers. Now that the plan has been tried out it is expected that more of the units will soon be installed."

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GENERAL NEWS.

Compulsory Education Asked For.
At the 28th December. The Indian Educational Conference to-day passed a resolution, respectfully requesting the Government of India to take practical steps at the earliest opportunity for the introduction of free compulsory education.

In Portuguese India.
Bombay, 28th December.—Timely reports received in Goa from Lisbon state the present Governor-General of Portuguese India will continue in office for a further term, especially in view of the approaching promulgation of a decree conceding administrative and fiscal autonomy to Portuguese India.

An Interesting Invention.
There is always a field for the inventor of kitchen conveniences. A recent invention of this sort will, it is said, enable the housewife to unscrew the cap of the most refractory fruit jar. It consists of a circular band which is slipped around the body of the jar. Projecting Landlows enable the holder to get a vice-like grip on the jar itself, so that it is held securely with one hand without danger of breakage, while the other hand is used in turning the cap.

The Tuchen of Chekiang.
General Yang Shan-lob, Tuchen of Chekiang, has sent the following telegram to the President and the Vice-President of the Republic:—"On January 1, I received a Mandate, appointing me Tuchen of Chekiang. I arrived at Hangchow on the 11th instant and took over the seal of the Tuchen and files of documents on the 12th from General Lu Kung-wang. Knowing my own deficiency, I am afraid that I may prove unequal to discharging such important duties. I will, however, try to do my best in order to deserve the great trust you have reposed in me."—Exchange.

Appalling Conditions at Chang-chung.
The Osaka Asahi's special correspondent at Changchung writes that the weather is so bitterly cold there that between twenty and thirty Chinese are daily frozen to death. In the course of three days a hundred and forty perished, but the Chinese authorities show no concern and so far no measures have been taken to protect the unfortunate people. The bodies of these poor creatures are treated like cats and dogs. They are simply taken outside the walls and there abandoned. Wild dogs are devouring the bodies. If the weather becomes colder, hundreds of poor Chinese are likely to be frozen to death every day. The heartlessness of the authorities is inconceivable; they seem to be devoid of all considerations of humanity.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1917.

THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

Special interest attaches to the interview which the Premier has just given to a pressman, if only for the reason that it constitutes one of the few occasions whereon a man in the front rank has approached anything like definiteness in speaking of the present and future position of the Empire. There will, of course, be a few who will suggest that Mr. Lloyd George has been offering some inexpensive soft soap to the Dominions, but the great majority of people will feel that he is making a frank endeavour to impress upon Australia, South Africa and Canada the Empire's sense of indebtedness to them, and the duty which each of them still owes to the Motherland in regard to offering wise counsel over matters which only practical men can hope to handle effectively.

The Premier has a good deal to say, but virtually it all revolves round one of two points: the winning of the war, and the settling down of the world to a condition of lasting peace. Mr. Lloyd George may call himself what he pleases in politics, but his present utterances are those of a Tory Democrat: a man who will not accept change for change's own sake, yet who will see the world turned upside down if once convinced that such a revolution is for the world's own abiding good. Side by side with a certain sagaciousness of view as to the future, he gives us the sober caution: the war is not won yet. To win it we have to use the best resources of the Empire in the best possible way. The resources we have; of that there can be no suggestion of doubt; but Mr. Lloyd George knows, as everyone knows to-day, that these have not been applied and employed to the best effect. The wrong men have handled the resources, and fruitless waste of energy, of money and of human life has been the result.

The cure for such waste lies to hand, says the Prime Minister. It is to be found in a communising and a combining of the brain of the Empire. The new countries can offer what is most needed by latter-day British politics: balance, a knowledge of men, the absence of sentimentalism and the power to meet craft with craft. The Dominions can produce politicians of a type practically unknown at Home: men who have risen through their own tireless energy and their wondrous ability to forestall a rival or an enemy in a business deal. An Empire controlled entirely by such men would soon cease to be an Empire, and no one is better aware of that fact than Mr. Lloyd George. But an Empire controlled by some of the bloodless drivellers and dreamers of the late Cabinet, whose want of ordinary foresight and common sense has cost as some of the best blood in the world, would equally soon cease to be an Empire. What we need is a welding of hereditary governing instinct at its best (there is all too little of it, left to-day) with the new spirit that has come into existence through the struggle for life as visible in South Africa, Canada or Australia. Statecraft as it was known to our fathers is dead; politics as understood by the newer men will never have any real life; Britain needs a combination of the two. Such a council as Mr. Lloyd George obviously has in view will give us subtly mingled with strength and clear-sighted power—and to such an extent that neither present nor future need have any reason for fear. It will teach us how to dispose our forces for the most speedy winning of the war, and it will enable us to see the thousands of post-war difficulties which mean new work for our hands. That, generally, is Mr. Lloyd George's message to the Dominions: the Old Country owes them the recognition that the inviting of them to a general council implies; and they owe to the Old Country the best that they have to offer in the direction of sage and well-considered advice. The British world, after a series of cruel lessons, has come to realise that Britain and the Dominions are interdependent; that one cannot act without the other, and that all the nations of the world are in a common of thought and purpose, and in a common of action.

A Police Matter.

We admire some of our Indian police, but not all of them. We have, for instance, next to no admiration to spare for two or three of these gentlemen who have lately undertaken point duty in Queen's Road, there or thereabouts opposite the Grand Hotel. This particular point is an awkward one for a policeman, to be sure, for there are chair and ricksha coolies to be attended to, any number of military and naval officers to be saluted, blameless Telegraph newboys to be chased, beggars to be watched, and numerous rascals, and Indian waiters of a decidedly money-lending cast of countenance, to be interviewed. All told, then, a constable at this point can have his hands pretty full. But some of the Indian police, doubtless in order that they may not get unduly mixed up between their multifarious duties, seem to have decided to confine themselves to one individual branch and to neglect the rest. One man does nothing but the saluting part of the business; the next to come on duty attends to the newboys—at a time when no particular attention is needed; and so forth. On Tuesday morning we looked forth from our window, and espied about ten child beggars in the custody of three old women who were keeping them up to their business of pestering every passer-by for cash; and meanwhile a gallant Sikh constable, whose sleeve, by the way, was decorated with a marksmanship badge, stood and discussed the state of the mendicant market in a benevolent manner with one of the old women, and smiled benedictory smiles on the arches as they collected or did not collect the coins of the charitable.

"Scooting."

That is but one example. We could quote a score. Are the police authorities aware that a European gentleman occasionally rider, per bicycle, down Battery Path, under the eyes of an Indian constable, and in defiance of the by-laws? Are they aware that a person alighting from a ricksha at the point in question is often benighted by at least five pairs of chairmen, and that it is the exception rather than the rule for the Indian on duty to protest? Again, do they know that it has become the fashion for small European boys to saunter down Lee House Street or Battery Path, mounted on what appears to be technically termed a "scooter"—a sort of primitive and diminutive bicycle? Surely it is a constable's duty to see that members of the public are spared as much danger or inconvenience as is reasonably possible. This scooting business would not be difficult to stop, and, in the interests both of scooters and of ordinary pedestrians, an end should certainly be put to it. One doesn't grudge these little wheezes whatever fun they can get, but surely anything in the roller-skating line should be confined to some special area. A child coming full pelt down either of these slopes, mounted on a scooter, cannot bring himself to a sudden stop whether for a motor car or an unbridled dust cart; he is inviting disaster for himself every trip that he takes; and, if only for his own sake, the police should interfere.

INDO-CHINA.

Restrictions Regarding Arrivals from Hongkong.

The following notification has been received from the Government of Indo-China:—

By a recent order of the Governor-General of Indo-China, passengers proceeding from Hongkong bound for Indo-China are not permitted to land unless they produce a certificate of vaccination duly certified by the General for France at Hongkong, dating less than a year after having submitted to re-vaccination against small-pox.

The same order prohibits the importation into Indo-China of clothing, and bedding, second-hand furniture, light dress materials and drill cloth.

DAY BY DAY.

THAT LOAD BECOMES LIGHT WHICH IS CHEERFULLY BORNE.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 21.4/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 192nd anniversary of the death of Peter the Great.

Burns Night.

In our report of the Burns Night dinner, the remarks on Scottish humour were wrongly attributed to Mr. R. Sutherland. They comprised part of Mr. A. G. Gordon's speech.

Company Warned.

It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, the Heng On Marine and Fire Insurance and Godown Company, Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Register, and the Company will be dissolved.

War Lists.

The Gazette publishes an amended list of persons and bodies of persons, incorporated or unincorporated, with whom trading is prohibited; revised White Lists for China and Siam; and an additional list of firms being wound up under the Trading with the Enemy Amendment Act 1916.

Banishment's Return.

"I have been back over a year working as a street coolie, doing odd jobs all the time," said a Chinese before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, when charged with returning from five years' banishment. His Worship sent him to prison for six months.

Enemy Trade Mark.

It is notified that the registration of trade mark No. 3 of 1889, in the name of Abraham and Gebruder Krowin, Elberfeld, Germany, has expired and that it will be removed from the Register of Trade Marks on February 24, 1917, unless the prescribed fee for renewal of registration is paid before that date.

A Child Abandoned.

For dumping a living child, a few days-old, a Chinese woman of the coolie class was sent to prison for three months by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning. Defendant wept bitterly when sentenced. Inspector O'Sullivan said the child was now dead, owing to its not being able to take food.

Westminster "Specials."

The British-American Tobacco Company has just received from London fresh supplies of Westminster "Specials" cigarettes. They are cork-tipped and are packed in most attractive and artistically-designed boxes, each containing ten cigarettes. Smokers searching for a really good cigarette should give them a trial.

UNION CHURCH.

The Past Year's Work.

The Committee of the above Church has just issued its annual report and balance sheet for the year 1916.

The financial statement shows a very creditable position, inasmuch as the debit balance which was incurred a few years ago has been considerably reduced and the past year has been exceptionally satisfactory. In addition to the ordinary receipts, which quite covered the general expenses of the Church, \$760 has been contributed to outside objects and further donations amounting to \$2,500 have been received for the Organ Fund.

The new organ, which has been on order for some time, and has been despatched, is due to arrive shortly, and it is hoped that ere the instrument is installed the amount required will have been completely raised.

The work of Sunday Schools, Guild, and Christian Endeavour Society has been ably carried on, and the Pastor has continued the services at the Peak Church throughout the year.

The annual meeting of members will be held in the Lecture Hall of the Church on Wednesday, January 31, at 9 p.m. For the purpose of electing Secretary, Treasurer and Committee.

1892.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending January 27, 1892.)

The Dollar.

January 27.—The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 21.4/16d.

Mr. Fraser Smith on the Warpath.

January 22.—"Sir,—Last night at our entertainment, during the presentation of Mrs. Baldwin's Living Pictures, a man who was dressed like a gentleman and who occupied a seat in the dress circle, kept annoying the audience and insulting the lady on the stage by senseless and rude personal remarks. This is the only instance in over ten years' travel where any Englishman has ever insulted defenceless ladies on my stage. I was not at the stage at the time, or you may be quite sure it would not have been repeated. I only write to say that I have made arrangements to deal promptly and forcibly with such cases in case we are annoyed again in a similar manner. The offender last night is said to be a cheap clerk in one of your local banks.—Yours truly, G. S. Baldwin.

(We regret exceedingly that Mr. Baldwin's clever, attractive and interesting entertainment should have in any way been prejudiced by blackguardism of such a pronounced description; but when made acquainted with the personality of the offender—a shoddy cad who, prior to leaving England, was dragging out a hand-to-mouth existence on £80 per annum as a hard-working junior clerk, and who on arriving here at once blossomed into a "Duck" of his own creation, like Mr. Cyril Platt, Hercules John Scott, Veitch, and a dozen of other noble sports of a similar calibre, we were placed on the horns of a dilemma. Our trouble was whether to report this person to his employers and use moral influence to ensure good behaviour in future, or to give him one more chance. We select the latter alternative, as the delinquent is very youthful, and we have no desire to injure any young man's prospects; but let it be clearly understood that the next employee of a public company who makes a blackguard and nuisance of himself in a public entertainment will have to bear the full consequences of his blackguardism.—(Ed., Hongkong Telegraph)

A Missing Puppy.

January 25.—Will the fellow who enticed a fox-terrier puppy from outside our office on Tuesday last kindly return the same without further delay? In case he should have stolen others besides this dog, we may inform him that ours is a white pup with a dark brown patch on the side of his head. "Frisky" has been seen in the charge of a house coolie, and this hint is simply given to prevent a Police case. The notice stands good until Wednesday only—further detention will not be brooked.

A Bargain.

January 27.—Paulus, the great French comique, lately refused \$250 weekly to sing at Berlin. Asked his price, he replied "Alace and Lorraine."

"Sequah" in Hongkong.

January 27.—"Sequah" is still carrying on his sensational business at West Point with marked success. The people are rolling up in their tens and hundreds to see the miraculous "medicine man" extract teeth and heal lame and the blind."

Japan Britishers and Military Service.

Under the auspices of the British Association of Japan (Yokohama and Tokyo Branches) a meeting was recently held in the theatre of the Gaiety Theatre, Yokohama, to hear the Military Attaché to the British Embassy, regarding the position of residents in Japan towards military service, and putting forward the views of the British Association on the subject.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Hongkong and China District.

Orders for week ending February 3, issued by Mr. E. Ralphs, state:—

Vaccination Duties. Members of the Saiyungpun and Queen's College Divisions will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, January 29, at the Western Sanitary Board Office for house-to-house vaccination duty.

Appointments and Promotions. The following appointments and promotions are made provisionally, pending confirmation by General J. C. Daltou, Chief Commissioner:—

Chiah Tiang-sen, M.B., B.S., to be Divisional Surgeon, and posted to Victoria Division. Ho Leung, to be Divisional Superintendent, and posted to the Victoria Division.

Lau In-chung to be Ambulance Officer, and posted to the Victoria Division.

Privates Lau Ching, and Tam Shik-ling, Saiyungpun Division, to be Lance Corporals.

Private Kong Ki-fai, Queen's College Division, to be Lance Corporal.

Parades. Y.M.C.A. Division.—Company drill and stretcher drill daily at 8 p.m. until further notice.

Saiyungpun Division.—Field day with Hongkong Volunteer Reserves. Fall in on the Cricket Ground, Sunday, the 28th inst., at 8.30 a.m. Dress: Shorts, puttees, helmets, haversacks (fitted), and water-bottle (fitted). Stretchers will be required.

Victoria Division.—Monday, 5.15 p.m. lecture on first aid. Tuesday, 5.15 p.m. company drill. Friday, 5.15 p.m. lecture on first aid.

T. K. K.'S PROGRESS.

New Office in Manila.

Mr. W. H. Avery, general manager of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha lines, who arrived in Manila on the Empress of Asia, has made the arrangements for opening the Company's offices there, according to the Manila Bulletin.

The reason given for this change is the fact that the extension of the business of the T. K. K. in the Orient has made it appear best for the company to maintain its own offices at certain ports, and for the present at least Manila and Shanghai have been those chosen.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha company is now working out plans to give Manila, and other ports in the Orient, more cargo space, said Mr. Avery. "Business between the Far East and North and South America is increasing rapidly, and there is an ever-growing demand in American markets for the products of the Asiatic countries, Japan, the Philippines and the East Indies. The development of this trade at a faster rate has been greatly hindered through lack of space in which to ship the goods," he continued. "Manila, for instance, could use much more tonnage than she can get at the present time. Practically the only way to aid the exporters and importers is through the placing on the trans-Pacific run of more vessels. We have on the way in Japan to-day six new vessels. Three will be 10,000-ton boats, and three will be 8,500-ton. The latter steamers will be placed on the San Francisco, Japan, Manila and China route, while the others will operate between the Orient and South American ports. These ships should be launched before the end of the year and be in commission early in 1918.

"To help out matters at present, we have several chartered steamers which are running only between the United States and Yokohama and Kobe, and between South America and the two Japanese ports. These vessels bring out large cargoes for China and the Philippines, and leave them at the Western terminus, Kobe, where they are loaded up by the larger vessels after they have discharged their cargo at Yokohama and sailed to their destinations."

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

A Sunday paper has been quoting some instances of ignorance, (says the Daily Chronicle). One man thought that Charles James Fox was Gray Fawkes. Another wanted to know for what reason Charles I. was beheaded. But the classical story is of the ignorant Yankee who was asked, "What is there that you do know? Did you ever hear of Adam?" "Adam? Adam? What was his other name?" The following is authentic. In a London barber's shop there is a war map, bordered with "Flag Day" flags. There is a French flag in Paris, on the map, an Italian flag in Rome, and there is a "Kitchen" flag in the middle of the Black Sea! The barber said: "Lord Kitchen was drowned on his way to Russia." How his vessel forced the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus was not explained by the barber.

The mention of Mr. Asquith's "portfolio" in the Press can, of course, have had reference only to some actual portfolio which he carried with him to Buckingham Palace and did not bring back, remarks the Daily News. The idea that he had to surrender a "portfolio" in the Continental sense to the King on resigning is quite unknown to British constitutional custom. Our Ministers have no portfolio to surrender. The Prime Minister has not even a seal. All he would have to do would be to say simply, "I resign."

The proposals made by a section of the Cambridge Senate for remodelling the University course in view of the conditions likely to prevail after the war should evidently carry some weight, says the Pall Mall Gazette, since, unlike the majority of such proposals, they come from the inside. Longer terms, simplified examination arrangements, shorter courses of study and cheaper living, are the main heads of the desired reform, all of which appeared to be wisely conceived for future needs and future stringency. There is no good reason why the old Universities should exist solely for wealthy people, and if Cambridge can break down the tradition, it will secure a monumental victory for educational reform.

"Peace at any price," that contemptuous phrase now without friends, was once powerful enough to agitate Parliaments and Cabinets, observes the Daily Chronicle. It appears, fully enough, to have been first used by a German, F. von Gentz, one hundred and one years ago. It may serve as a good omen that the bitter words were levelled by this gentleman against the supposed pacifist leanings of the Duke of Wellington, three months before the Battle of Waterloo. Sir Robert Peel felt the burden of the jibe in 1830, when he declared that no man realised the immorality of war more than he did, but that he doubted the policy of too strong and determined a declaration that "at any hazard" there must be peace. Fifty years later, Lord Beaconsfield made free use of the term to denounce his opponents over the Afghan War.

There need be no surprise that Sir Robert Finlay, the new Lord Chancellor, should preside over the House of Lords while still a commoner. Occasionally, though not in modern times, says the Daily Chronicle, that great officer has passed the whole period of his service without being raised to the peerage. In the Upper Chamber, as a legislative body, he is present in virtue of his position as Speaker. When it is a Court of Appeal he occupies the place of the judges of England. And he has a third function, thus quaintly described by Blackstone: "The Chancellor, in right of the King's Bench, is the guardian of the King's foundation, and patron of all the King's livings under the value of 50 marks per annum. He is the general guardian of all the King's lands and tenements, and the general guardian of the King's revenues."

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Vice-Chancellor interviewed at Penang.

Sir Charles Eliot, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, who has been paying a visit to the Straits and F.M.S., was interviewed in Penang.

To a representative of the *Penang Gazette* he stated that this is not his first visit to the Straits, though he had not hitherto visited Penang or the States. He was much impressed by the signs of progress and development in the F.M.S., and particularly with Kuala Lumpur, which he considers is "beautifully laid out." Regarding the purpose of his visit, he stated that it was chiefly to get into touch with those Chinese whose sons are now taking University courses, or who may do so at some future date, and to arrange any little difficulties there may be about examinations being held in Penang. There are two matriculation examinations yearly, the principal one being in the summer. The other is held about Christmas time.

The visit of Sir Charles Eliot will serve to draw attention to the University's claims to the support of Englishmen as well as Chinese, though the Vice-Chancellor is not here of course specially to put these forward. What has been done hitherto has been spontaneous.

University, as he pointed out, of particular value from the point of view since, as is well-known, it does so much to promote an excellent understanding between the Chinese and the English peoples, and the fact that it is sending to China a number of young men who have been educated in an English institution and have become accustomed to English ways and English thought must produce good results. For the Chinese themselves the benefits of a training at the University are great, and they are being increasingly recognized. This is noticeably so in the Straits, said Sir Charles Eliot, and a large proportion of the students of the Institution (who number altogether over 200) are from Malaya, to be precise 40. Most of them, he informed us, are studying medicine.

"I have," he added, "met some of the prominent Chinese here, through Mr. P. T. Allen, of the Protectorate in Penang, and I pointed out that while of course we do not wish to decrease the number of medical students, we do teach other very important things. For instance, there is a large engineering department, and speaking of the students generally, the majority go in for this branch of learning, for which excellent facilities are offered. The Chinese asked many questions which I was glad to answer on this and other points."

Asked why it was that medicine proved a greater attraction to Straits students, Sir Charles Eliot said to some extent it may be due to the realization that anyone with medical degrees was pretty safe in getting an immediate career in this part of the world after completing his studies. But, he thought, the opportunities in engineering were such that this branch should not be neglected. Students are enabled to see what is being done in the big workshops of Hongkong, and a few selected students are granted facilities for getting practical experience in them. Then again, the Government allows a certain number of students to see something of the routine work of an English Government Office and how things are carried on in actual practice.

Up to date (Sir Charles remarked) the success of the University was very gratifying indeed, and there was every reason to anticipate much greater success in the future. The University is supported by both the British and the Chinese Governments, and, as he had stated, much was expected from it in the direction of promoting a good understanding. "We hope to give practically the same education as in an English University, but very much more cheaply. Probably a Chinese student could not get through a Home University at less than \$250 a year, excluding his passage. At Hongkong,

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued yesterday by Lieut-Colonel A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Joined.

Pte. S. E. Grimstone having joined is allotted Corps No. 2052 and posted to Scouts Company.

Resigned.

No. 1990 Pte. R. G. Murdoch is permitted to resign dated 19.1.17.

Leave.

Reference Corps Order No. 3 of 12.1.17, the leave therein granted to No. 1291 Pte. S. S. Moore is hereby cancelled. No. 2036 Pte. H. E. Spencer Payne is granted 2 weeks' leave from 24.1.17. No. 2000 Pte. B. H. Saary is granted 3 months' extension of leave to 26.4.17.

Promotion.

To be Temporary Lance Sergeant during his absence for 12 months' leave from 5.2.17.—No. 1086 Corpl. A. Hamilton.

Parades.

Sunday, 28th instant:—8.50 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery, in marching order 150 rounds ball ammunition, for inspection and half charge gun practice.

Monday, 29th instant:—5.10 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. drill at Kowloon Dock. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m. 5.15 p.m. Artillery Battery and Eight Section M. G. Co. section drill on Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 Left Section M. G. Co. and Civil Service Company Bayonet exercises at Headquarters. 5.15 Scouts Company platoon drill on Cricket Ground. 5.15 Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground under Corpl. Grimes. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Tuesday, 30th instant:—5.00 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre. Wednesday, 31st instant:—5.15 p.m. Engineer Company (Taihook Section only) section drill at Taihook Dock. 5.45 p.m. Signalling Section class "A" and "C" at Happy Valley for field work.

Thursday, 1st Feb:—5.00 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Friday, 2nd Feb:—5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters C.S.M. Mitchell and Corpl. Grimes will attend. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Sunday, 4th Feb:—8.45 a.m. All units at Headquarters for route march. Dress marching order without tunic, greatcoat and mess tin.

Detail.

On duty 4th Feb., Scout Company; 5th, Scouts Company; 6th, Civil Service Company; 7th, Artillery Battery; 8th, Belchers 6" Section; 9th, Centre Section M. G. Co.; 10th, Eight Section M. G. Co.; Orderly Officer from 4th to 10th Feb., Lieut. Weill.

where the students are in a British Colony, and are among English people, the actual fees obligatory are \$540, and most of the Chinese Government scholars get \$800 or \$900 a year which is ample. There are two Government scholarships. The King Edward Scholarship; Sir Charles Eliot remarked, is given by the British Government, and is tenable for British subjects in Hongkong and the Straits. The President's is given by the Chinese Government.

Finally, Sir Charles assured us that all the students at the University are very hardworking. Those from the Straits have a great advantage to commence with invariably, for they know English so much better than students from China, and this, Sir Charles said, is made good use of.

MR. CURTIN'S ARTICLES.

Severe German Criticism.

The articles recently appearing in the *Times* by Mr. Thomas Curtin on "Ten Months in Germany" some of which have been reproduced in our columns, are thus dealt with by the *Berliner Zeitung am Mittag*:—

"In the *Times* of October 9th and 10th a Mr. D. Thomas Curtin, a native of Boston, begins his sensational disclosures about a 10-months' sojourn in Germany. We shall not need to be curious about the contents of the continuation of his story, as primed, judging from present specimens. Hitherto he has only given us the already too well known description of our self-deception, our despair, our unmitigable collapse. 'Involuntary evidences of his lack of knowledge of the German language are dashed up by the author with shameless lies; for example, that the normal midday meal of the middle classes in Germany now rings the changes on bread and cheese or cheese and bread.'

"More interesting is the self-revelation of his character given by this gentleman to 'boom' his conning in Germany. He asserts that he has been four times in Germany. The last time he came in directly under the instructions of Lord Northcliffe, but he made a circuitous tour from London via Boston, for he seems to have travelled on an American passport. In order to secure the necessary 'recommendations' he first went in America to Professor Munsterberg, whose pupil he claims to have been. He told Professor Munsterberg that he wanted to make independent studies in Germany, and was as pleased as Punch because Munsterberg believed him.

"Munsterberg knew there was nothing to conceal in Germany, so he gave him a recommendation—to whom do you think? The Chancellor or leading politicians? Well, not quite all that at once, but he claims to have had an introduction to Dr. Drechsler, of the Berlin-America Institute. And Drechsler is said innocently to have helped the cunning Yankee along his road, is said to have introduced him to well-informed Germans and officers, who naturally unsuspectingly allowed the great American genius to worm their secrets out of them.

"But we cannot discover why Mr. Curtin needed so many recommendations, somewhat intemperate with Socialists of the Extreme Left, of which he boasts. He strolled unchallenged through all the frontier and railway barriers and through all the police bureaux armed with nothing more than his excellent American cigars, which opened to him all hearts and mouths. It was his cigars and Yankee conning which prevented anything escaping him of all the hush-hush system and all secrets that the German Government manages to keep from the fooled German people. He knows more than all of us and chiefly he knows what he sucks out of his dirty fingers and out of that he makes long and heavily paid articles.

"The English must have very lively interest in our woe or woe if they accept as a 'specially competent' informant a man who publicly denounces himself as a liar and swindler. And it only serves them right, if the smart Curtin now swindles them in turn of their £1 notes. And they alone suffer if they are capable of swallowing all his blithering balderdash.

"But there are editors on the staff of the *Times* who know German and really understand the German language, especially Northcliffe's right hand man, H. W. Stead. Thus these men cannot be deceived. Therefore it is an established fact that the *Times* and Northcliffe are in league with a liar and forger, and are deliberately using their latest sensation to swindle their own country and people."

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NORTH BORNEO AND THE WAP.

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At the present appropriate time for "taking stock" it is perhaps worth while reciting some thing of what has been done by British North Borneo in contribution to the War.

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In addition there has yet to be reckoned the recent "Our Day" movement, which will probably realise not less than £3,500 to £4,000.

In men, too, North Borneo can hardly be said to have been lacking, as the following list of men from the State will testify, viz:—Messrs. Alsopp, Baboonan, Bervan, Cave-Bigley, Beckette, Conyngnam, Laidlaw-Oswan, Cockrill, G. M. Cox, Cowie, Clarke, Francis, French, Harwood, Hudson, Jenkins, McKee, Murray, McGrigor, Nasmyth, ex-Governor Parr, Preston, Priestland, Pocock, Prendergast, Prior, E. A. Pearson, Riley, Rutter, Reeves, Rashbrooke, Dent, Schacht, Somerville, Simmance, Marsh Smith, ex-Governor Treacher, Temperley, Thompson, Tabuteau, To ner, Tiley and Tucker Wardrop, not to mention men who have given of their time on leave to manition making, as Clark and Sawrey-Cookson.

We do not for a moment claim in having contributed this much to have done more than our bounden duty, and we believe that there are many of us who, if they could be spared, would be willing to make the great sacrifice. We are apparently still to have another year of war, in which those who feel that they have not done all in their power may make good.—*North Borneo Herald*.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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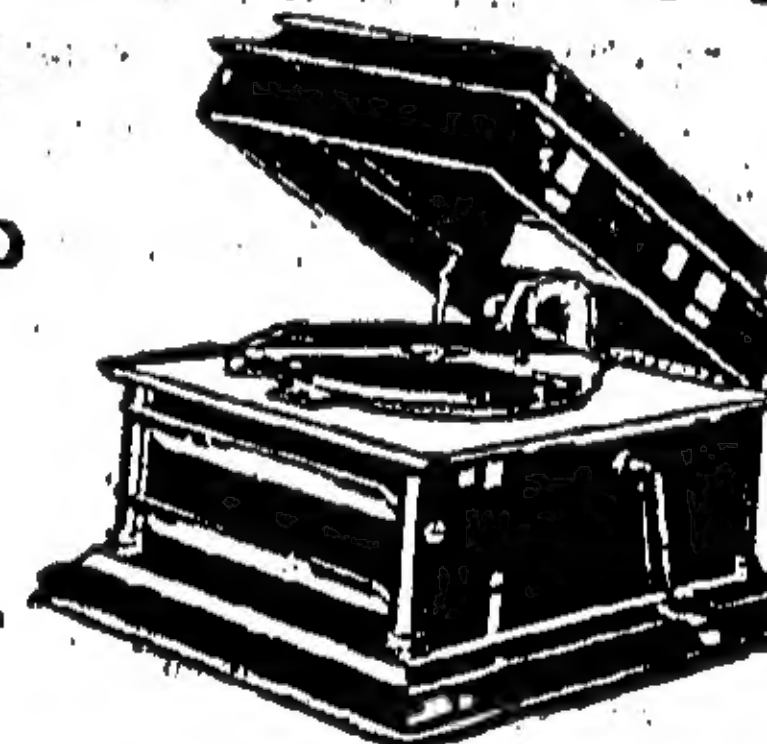
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SHIPPING NEWS.

Likely to be a Total Loss. The Japanese Yoshida-gawa Maru, of the Oseta Shosen Kaisha, with a full cargo and several passengers, went ashore during a gale off Kurobe-mura, between Kobe and Yokohama, on January 4 and is likely to become a total loss. Assistance was sent her but was to the heavy sea it was impossible to approach the wreck.—Shipping and Engineering.

Motor Ships for the Far East.

The Diesel-m-rine engine may be considered to have attained the prominence it possesses as a rival to steam mainly owing to the manner in which it has been taken up by the East Asiatic Co., Ltd., a Danish company, which was the pioneer shipping company to adopt it on anything like a large scale for ocean-going ships.

This company is principally engaged in the Far Eastern trade, and its vessels call at Singapore, where they are able to take sufficient oil at cheap rates to last the round trip. It is apparently the intention of the Glen Line to follow the lead of this enterprising company and build up in the course of time a fleet of motor vessels. At the moment

owns three twin-screw Diesel-engined ships, the latest being the Glenamoy, built by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd. The first of its motor vessels was the Gengyle, originally the Bostonian, owned by the Atlantic Transport Co., while the second to be completed was the Glenartney, originally ordered for Messrs. Elder Dempster and Co. The Glenartney, which was completed in May last year, unfortunately caught fire at Singapore when on her first voyage the damage being very considerable, and it will be some time before we see her again in commission. The Glenartney is a well-appointed vessel of 5,500 tons gross, and is

engined with two six-cylinder four-cycle Burmeister and Wain Diesels of 1,500 h.p. All three vessels, it may be mentioned, are fitted with four cycle machinery manufactured by the Burmeister and Wain Co. of Glasgow. A

dear of credit is indeed due to the Glen Line for taking up seriously the building of motor ships, and there can be no doubt but that its enterprise will be rewarded, in view of the success achieved by the East Asiatic Co. of Copenhagen, and other companies on the Continent, which for some time back have had large fleets of motor ships in service. For ships trading to or near places such as

Sumatra where oil fuel can be obtained at low rates, the Diesel engine undoubtedly possesses certain advantages over other types, and it may even be allowed that some form of oil engine always will do so, but the preference for this form of prime mover will probably cease immediately the extended demand for oil puts the cost per ton m/e on a par with other fuels, utilisable for power. For equal power cost on the basis of h.p. the price of coke may be taken as being to that of fuel oil in the ratio of 4:1, and bituminous coal as 4:1 or 14, so that coke at 22s. and coal at, say, 17s. 6d. per ton will compete with fuel oil at, say, 25 per ton, and therefore the greater thermal efficiency of the Diesel engine will be rapidly discounted by the higher cost of its fuel. Hence it would appear that the Diesel engine should appeal principally to shipowners of foreign countries, not possessed of coalfields, and of our liners engaged in regular trade with centres of oil production or passing near them in course of their voyages. Nevertheless steam are not wanting that before long many ships will be ordered to make up for the losses we have sustained, and there is every likelihood that orders will be placed by certain large companies for a number of vessels of same dimensions and power, or in other words, a fleet of sister ships. Messrs. Burmeister and Wain, of Copenhagen, as also the Burmeister and Wain Co. of Glasgow, have for some years back been manufacturing standard marine four-cycle six-cylinder Diesels in powers up to 1,000 h.p. On the Clyde alone a number of ocean-going twin-screw vessels of 5,000 to 10,000 tons deadweight have been turned out, in which Burmeister and Wain twin engines of 1,250 h.p. and 1,500 h.p. were

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SUNDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1917.

10.00 p.m. Fatshan. | 5.00 p.m. Kinshan.

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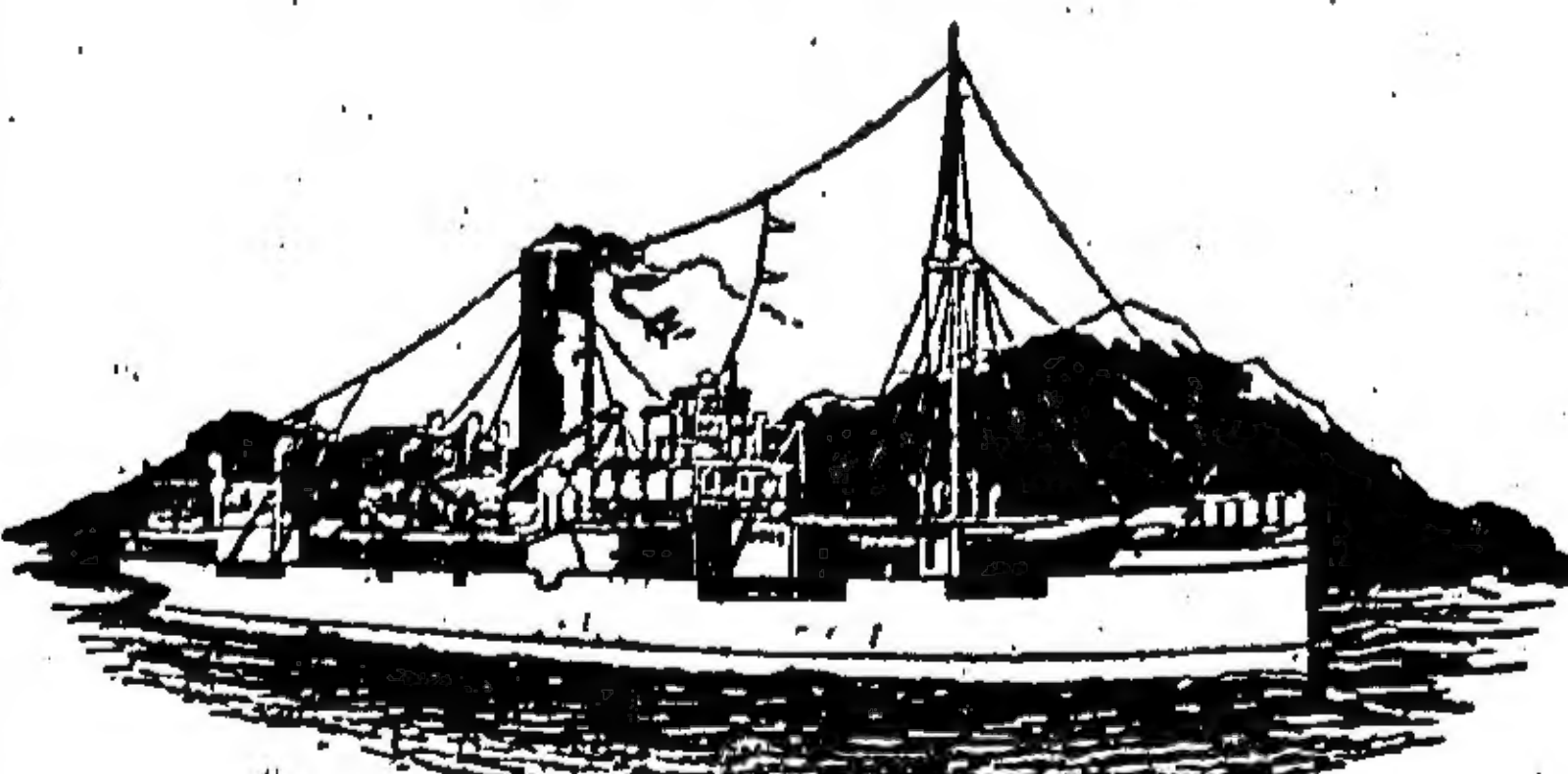
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date and until further notice Mr
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are the only Managers of the
Firm and no person except them
has any authority to sign any
instrument or document on be-
half of the Firm.
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bring to the Firm's notice any
instrument or document pur-
ported to be made by the Firm
whether before or after this date
which is not signed by either the
said S. M. Churn or the said C.
Honkey.
THE UNION TRADING CO.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDI-
TIONS of the letting by Public
Auction Sale, to be held on Mon-
day, the 29th day of January,
1917, at 3 p.m., at the Offices
of the Public Works Department,
by Order of His Excellency the
Governor, of One Lot of Crown
Land at Nathan Road Kowloon
in the Colony of Hongkong for a
term of 75 years, with the option
of renewal at a Crown Rent to be
fixed by the Surveyor of His
Majesty the King, for one further
term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	First Price
1	100	Opposite Kowloon Island	100 feet by 50 feet	100	5000	5000
2	101	Opposite Kowloon Island	100 feet by 50 feet	100	5000	5000
3	102	Opposite Kowloon Island	100 feet by 50 feet	100	5000	5000

THE KOWLOON LAND AND
BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT THE TWENTY-
EIGHTH ORDINARY MEET-
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS in
this Company, will be held
at the COMPANY'S OFFICES
VICTORIA BUILDINGS on
SATURDAY 10th February,
1917, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the RE-
PORT of DIRECTORS together
with Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 31st December,
1916.

THE REGISTER of SHARES
of the Company will be CLOSED
from THURSDAY 1st
SATURDAY 10th February,
1917, (both days inclusive) dur-
ing which period no TRANSFER
of SHARES can be registered.
By Order of the Board of
Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment &
Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building
Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1917.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT
CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETY-SEVENTH
ORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Com-
pany will be held at the Office of
the Company, Hotel Mansions,
in TUE-DAY, the 13th February,
1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of
the Directors, together with a
Statement of Accounts, declaring
a Dividend and electing Directors
and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be CLOSED
from the 31st January to the
13th February, 1917, both days
inclusive.
By Order of the Board of
Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

ULDERUP & SCHLUTER IN
LIQUIDATION.

First Dividend of 20%.

CREDITORS of the above firm
are hereby notified that a
FIRST DIVIDEND of 20% on the
amount of their claims will be
paid on application to the Under-
signed on and after THURSDAY
the 1st of February, 1917.

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TIDE TABLE.

From 22nd Jan. to 28th Jan., 1917.

Day	Month	High Water	Mean Time	Low Water	Mean Time
Mon	Jan	11.15	11.15	5.15	5.15
Tues	Jan	11.30	11.30	5.30	5.30
Wed	Jan	11.45	11.45	5.45	5.45
Thurs	Jan	12.00	12.00	6.00	6.00
Fri	Jan	12.15	12.15	6.15	6.15
Sat	Jan	12.30	12.30	6.30	6.30
Sun	Jan	12.45	12.45	6.45	6.45

m morning. a afternoon.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Just arrived, Large Shipments of
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CONSIGNERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.
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JAVA-PACIFIC LIJN.

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having arrived from SAN FRAN-
CISCO. Consignees of Cargo are
hereby notified that all Goods are
being landed at their risk into
the hazardous and/or extra har-
dous Godowns of the Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Go-
down Co., Ltd., whence and/or
from the Wharves delivery may
be obtained.

No Claim will be admitted
after the goods have left the Go-
downs, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after noon, the 1st
February, 1917, will be subject
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 3rd
February, 1917, or they will
not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damag-
ed Goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be ex-
amined on the 3rd January, 1917
at 10 a.m. by the Company's
surveyors Messrs. Goddard &
Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been
effect d.

Bills of Lading will be coun-
tersigned by
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1917.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on Jan., 1, 1917.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.

System	1916	1917
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND
DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

System	1916	1917
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00

Consumption of water in the City and Hill Districts
in millions and decimals of gallons during the month
of Dec., 1916.

System	1916	1917
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00

Services to houses in the Hill District were
discontinued and a supply was given by public
fountains only during December 1916.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

System	1916	1917
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND
DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

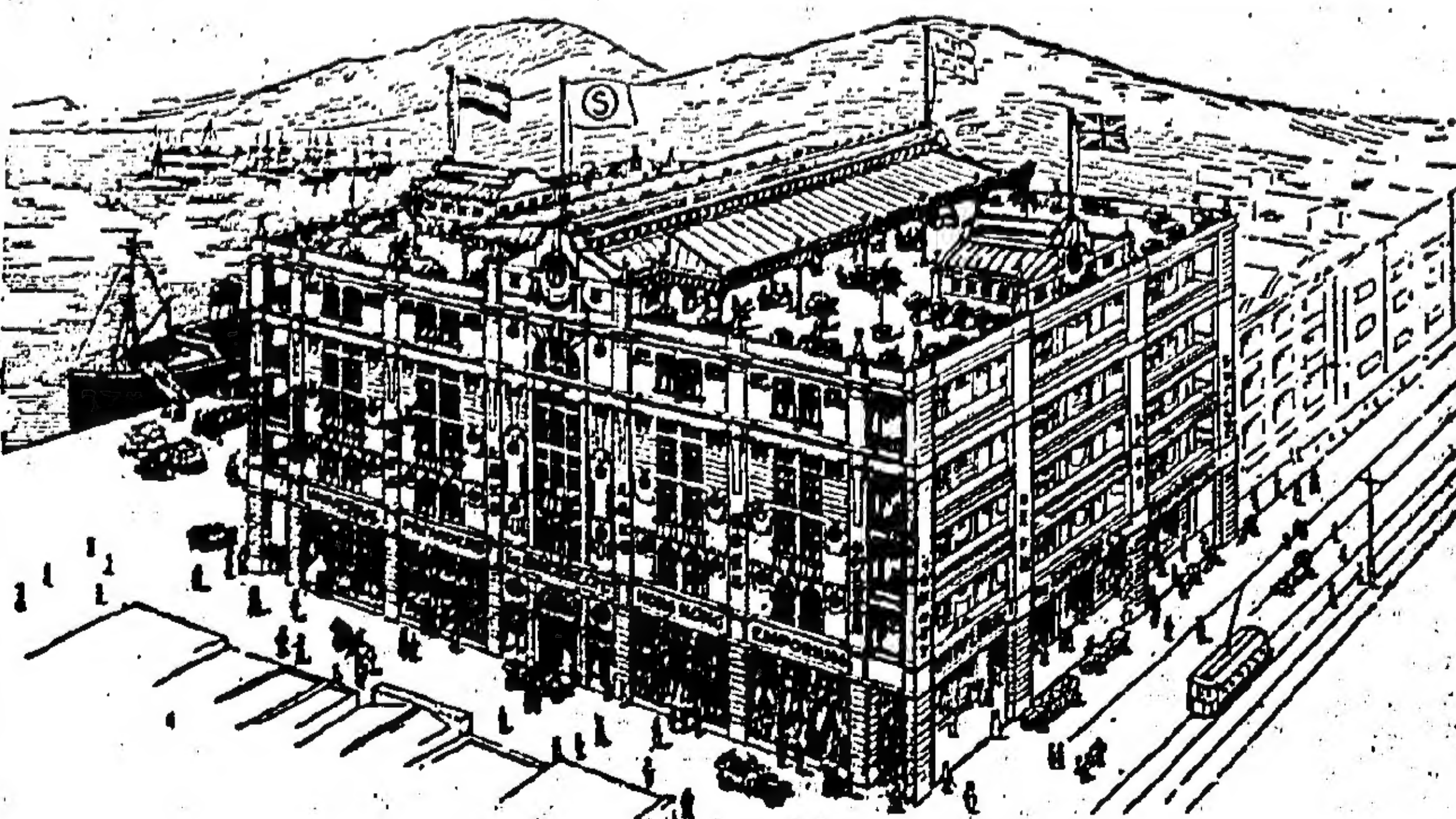
System	1916	1917
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and
decimals of gallons during the month of Dec., 1916.

System	1916	1917
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00
City	100.00	100.00
Hill	100.00	100.00
City & Hill	100.00	100.00

The Government Analyst's reports show that the
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AFTER THE WAR.

The Weakness of Little Firms.

On the return of peace (says the Observer) this country will be faced with the greatest industrial problem in its whole history, and the success of the solution will be measured by the application of knowledge gained during the war.

"The rapid and efficient production of wealth depends," says the *Round Table*, "in the main on the following conditions. First and foremost, on harmony between capital and labour. In industry those who work with their hands and those who work with their heads co-operate to produce the things which all of us need. If conflict and disunion take the place of co-operation, wealth-production is hindered, and everything the community requires is rendered less abundant and more costly. To secure this harmony of interest is the master problem of the modern industrial state."

"It is admitted that there are many weak points in our industrial armour. In the first place it is generally agreed that the equipment and plant of our industry is in many respects inferior, and sometimes markedly inferior, to that of America, and probably in a good many cases to that of Germany. We were before the war, and still are, in many respects inferior to the United States in the application of machinery and automatic mechanical appliances; we are greatly behindhand in the use of power, particularly electrical power, by the efficient utilisation of which our industrial life might be largely transformed."

"The causes of our mechanical inferiority are various. One is the lack of research, to which reference is made later, and which results in the use of antiquated processes. Another is that we started earlier than our competitors. We built our railways and factories and docks on too small a scale; our tunnels too narrow, our platforms too small, our workshops in crowded towns where there is no room for expansion. Different industries grew up separately—e.g., blast furnaces and steel works, which to-day should probably in certain cases be combined. Everywhere we are handicapped by the reluctance of the British workman to take kindly to new labour-saving devices and of the British industrialist to accept new ideas."

"These difficulties have been increased by the ruinous tendency of most industrial businesses to divide profits up to the hilt, a tendency encouraged by our taxing laws. Reserves for depreciation and betterment are usually inadequate and accordingly large expenditure on re-equipment becomes impossible. It is hardly possible to exaggerate the importance of this matter. There never has been an age when developments in new inventions and processes were more rapid, or when more money was required by all the great industries, if they are to keep abreast of their foreign competitors."

"Another defect in our industry is generally thought to be our inferior organisation, both in manufacturing and in selling, and particularly our organisation for competing in foreign markets. Often there are too many small firms making the same thing, with the result that the scale of manufacture is too small and overhead expenses inordinately large. Then again there is want of co-operation in selling. British industry is organised to meet individual competition, not the organised selling of cartels and great combinations. It is often necessary actually to create the demand, and to compete in fields where we must meet the huge American industries and the highly organized German competition. Each trade must scientifically investigate foreign markets and lay out its plans in a thorough and far-reaching manner, whatever we may think of cartels and combinations for home trade."

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 5, issued yesterday by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., states:—

On duty from the morning of Sunday the 28th January to the morning of Sunday the 4th February. "B" Coy H.K.V.R. Orderly Officer, Lieut. B. B. Branch. Next for duty, H.K.V.O. Parades.

Sunday, 28th January:—"A" and "B" Cos. including signalling and Machine Gun Sections on the Cricket Ground at 8.30 a.m. Kowloon residents of "A" Coy at Kowloon City at 9.15 a.m. Tai Koo and Kowloon residents of "B" Coy at Yau Ma Tei Police Station at 9 a.m. Dress: Drill order. Great coats should be carried and left on the launch.

Monday, 29th January:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lieut. Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Tuesday, 30th January:—"A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Tai Koo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Wednesday, 31st January:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. "D" Coy at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. It is requested that all members will attend.

Thursday, 1st February:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigue. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lieut. Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue. A test will be held on this date details of which are posted on the Equipment Cupboard at Volunteer Headquarters.

Friday, 2nd February:—"A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Tai Koo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Strength. No. 459 Pte N. S. Marshall is permitted to resign. Pte. W. Gallagher having joined is allotted Corps No. 634 and posted to Coy. A Platoon No. I Section 16. Pte. G. L. Buchanan having joined is allotted Corps No. 635 and posted to Coy. A Platoon No. I Section 4.

"Industry and finance should go hand in hand. The British foreign and colonial banks already do much for British trade abroad. But closer contact between finance and industry is needed."

"The difficulty in the way of research appears, therefore, to be partly accounted for by the unorganised state of British industry and the small scale on which most businesses are conducted."

"The characteristic modern industry is the large-scale industry, whether it takes the concentrated form of the American trust or the combinations of smaller businesses more or less closely organised together, for production or selling, like the German cartels or, in a lesser degree, the British 'rings.' Efficiency will depend largely on the operations of the industry being conducted on a great scale, on its power to spend large sums of money not only in providing against depreciation but in installing the latest forms of plant and machinery, and also in looking for improved designs and processes and methods of manufacture. A number of small firms opposed by the Steel Corporation, or the Standard Oil Company, or the Allgemeine Electricitats Gesellschaft is like an ill-trained levy meeting in the field a highly organised modern army."

"PEACE" AND FOOD.

Germany's Troubles Increasing.

By far the most striking feature of recent German papers is not an occasional reference to "peace," but a great outburst of utterances about food difficulties. The papers, so far from boasting of coming supplies from Rumania, contain bitter articles on the recent debate in the Prussian Diet, explanations of the retirement of the Bavarian Ministers of the Interior and of War respectively as admittedly due to food control squabbles, reports of the urgent demands for the increase of war allowances to officials of all sorts, and some striking general articles.

The *Prussian Tageblatt* came out with an article insisting that the Auxiliary Service Law, which secures the supply of munitions, must be followed by a War Nutrition Law to secure the supply of bread. The writer is allowed to talk as follows:—

"After the experience of six months it is hardly possible to imagine that the War Nutrition Office capable of performing its task any better in the future than in the past. On the contrary, it looks as if the longer the War Nutrition Office continues its functions, the less qualified it is for its activities. Of course, one must guard against an exaggerated pessimism. But equally unjustified is a light-hearted optimism which is afraid to look the facts straight in the face. And when one looks at things as they are, one is bound to say that, in spite of the comparatively favourable harvest, the food difficulties for the great mass of the people have increased considerably in the course of the last six months."

"Shall one point to the fact that the potato rations, which originally were intended to be 1½ lb. a day, have already been reduced in Berlin to 6 lb. a week, and that a general reduction of the daily ration to ½ lb. will take place on January 1? Is one to call attention to the disturbing fact that at present even the bread ration of 1,900 grammes (about 4½ lb.) a week can in many cases only be obtained with difficulty? [This seems to be a quite new admission.] Is it possible to overlook the inadequate supply of meat for the people? Again and again the hope that the meat ration could be increased has been disappointed, although game, and to some extent poultry, can now only be obtained by ticket. Why, in many places one can no longer obtain even 250 grammes (about ½ lb.) of meat, but only 200 grammes or less."

"If one is lucky, one gets 60 grammes (a little more than 2 oz.) of butter a week. For months past cheese has become something almost unknown for the mass of the people. Milk is supplied at best only to little children and sick persons. Every now and then the War Nutrition Office issues a consoling communication, but generally the words are not followed by deeds. On the other hand, it is one's almost daily experience that foodstuffs which hitherto could be obtained have vanished from the market. And all that can still be bought costs impossible prices. One need only think of the horrible price demanded for fruit, for coal, and for onions. The so-called maximum prices are screwed up ever higher and higher; this seems now to be the case with Sauerkraut. We are now offered the pleasing prospect of an increase in the price of sugar. When to all this one adds the export vetoes, which were to have been suspended long ago, while in reality fresh vetoes are constantly being added, one gets the fatal impression of perfect confusion."

The *Tageblatt* article then goes on to demand the setting up of real control for the whole Empire, the breaking down of Agrarian privileges, and, in particular, compulsion of all the States to abandon their special rights.

Vorwärts published simultaneously an article called "The New Result of Long Speeches," containing bitter criticism of the Prussian Diet debate, and saying that the only new feature in the insistence by the Agrarians upon

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued today by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Police School.

Wednesday, January 31.—Class III (Inspector Grant). Thursday, February 1.—Class I (Inspector Gerrard). Friday, February 2.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

Tuesday, February 6.—Class III (Inspector Grant). Thursday, February 8.—Class I (Inspector Gerrard). Friday, February 9.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

Class I includes all troopers of the Mounted Police, and eight constables from both No. 1 and No. 2 Sections.

Class II includes 32 constables from No. 2 Company. Class III includes 32 constables from No. 3 Company.

Parades, Central Station. Monday, January 29.—No. 2 Company, Maxim gunners. All recruits.

Tuesday, January 30.—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Ambulance Platoon, and buglers and drummers.

Wednesday, January 31.—All recruits.

Friday, February 2.—No. 1 Company.

Musketry Course, 1917. Part 1. The attention of all recruits and of all other members of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies who did not fire (or failed to pass) Part II of last year's course is drawn to Orders of January 25/26.

Correspondence, Reports, &c. All correspondence, reports, minutes, &c., must be written in ink, signed (not initialed), dated.

the fact that the food difficulties will continue long after the conclusion of peace. The *Vorwärts* says:—

"We are all reasonable enough to look facts in the face and to bear the inevitable with dignity. We also know that a German defeat would take not only the last scraps of butter from our bread but take the bread also. But apart from the glimpses of a needy future after the war, we have only been told that we have no improvement of rations to expect, and that on the contrary the difficulties will increase, especially after Easter. Figures would have been better, and would have influenced us more than general phrases about 'the terrible potato harvest' and to the effect that we shall not go hungry, much less starve."

Elsewhere in this article the *Vorwärts* remarks that it is impossible "to dine off words," and that "cheering speeches have little value and little success."

Meanwhile the unfortunate "food dictator," Herr von Batocki, is being pressed on all sides. Recently he received a deputation from all the associations of German officials, who asked that the servants of the State should have additional rations of bread, potatoes, and fats. Herr von Batocki expressed much sympathy, but said that, as regarded bread and potatoes, the most he could offer was the prospect of additional bread tickets in specially deserving cases. As regarded fats, the outlook was unfavourable, and there was no prospect of increased production of milk and butter until the return of warm weather.

In the Prussian Diet, the Minister of Finance, Dr. Lentze, said that the cost of living was constantly increasing and constantly involving fresh classes of the population in difficulties. He showed that, whereas the Government at first made war allowances only to people with incomes below £105, they subsequently raised the limit to £165 and had now had to raise it to £225. During the debate the Socialist, Herr Strobel, said:—

"We want not only shells but also sufficient food for the people. No doubt the expenditure which faces us after the war is terrible, but after all, the strength and health of the people are the only real capital that remains to us, and we must preserve it. When the Minister of Finance looks at the expenditure, perhaps he will see his influence to shorten the war. We hope and yearn for mediation—among other things in the interest of our officials and workmen, who suffer more and more the longer the war continues."—*Times*.

HONGKONG TRADE.

Effect of China New Year.

The Fortnightly Price Current and Market Report issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, under date of January 26, contains the following:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Save for one or two small transactions in 10 lb. grey shirtings, no sales are reported since we last wrote. The China New Year holidays have intervened and it is hoped that a satisfactory demand may soon set in. The last quotation for cotton is 107½d., but Manchester prices remain firm.

Cotton Yarn.—The market has continued unsettled and buyers have limited their purchases. In addition to the financial difficulty that still continues, business has also been interrupted by the Chinese New Year. The market closes weak in sympathy with the decline in the raw material, but against this must be put the heavier charges in laying down the yarn in China. Quotations are:—No. 10s at \$109/134. No. 12s at \$121/133. No. 16s at \$138/164. No. 20s at \$141/173. Arrivals 2,800 bales. Sales 2,000 bales. Shipment nil. Unsold stock 7,000 bales. Bargains 23,000 bales.

Metals.—No change. Business at a standstill owing to Chinese New Year holidays.

Woolens.—Nothing doing owing to Chinese New Year holidays. Flour Market Report.—Flour:—No change in general situation. Locally:—No business owing to China New Year. Quotations:—American patent, \$4.00; American cut off, \$3.40; American straight, \$3.35; Shanghai, flour, \$3.00/3.05.

Sugar.—Market easier at reduced rates.

Canton Silk.—Messrs Herbert Dent and Co. report as follows under date of December 30:—Stock:—8,000 bales. Market silk:—Up to the date of the present circular exchange ruled high and remained steady, the few settlements reported during the fortnight have been put through owing to concessions in price being made by Chinese dealers. On account of the Christmas holidays and the end of the year, the demand in all markets appears to have ceased for the time being. Though prices have been made easier here and there, as a general rule holders of silures have been able to get advances from the banks which have enabled them for the moment to hold their silk than sell at a loss.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS.

The following table shows the standard time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of February, 1917:—

Date.	Ends.	Begins.
Feb. 1st.	6.50 p.m.	6.24 p.m.
" 2nd.	6.50 "	6.24 "
" 3rd.	6.49 "	6.25 "
" 4th.	6.49 "	6.25 "
" 5th.	6.49 "	6.25 "
" 6th.	6.48 "	6.26 "
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Hockey Match.

The following will represent the Volunteer "B" team in their game with the Royal Engineers at Happy Valley on Monday next:—O. O. Hickling, W. H. Edmonds, M. L. Bailton, J. Ralston, Martin, R. O. Witcheil, J. Stalker, F. Schnepel, B. D. Evans, R. G. Southerton and H. E. R. Jones. Start-off, 4.45 p.m. Volunteers in white.

"A TRAINER OF MEN."

French Prime of the New Cabinet.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The newspapers again comment upon the formation of Mr. Lloyd George's Cabinet.

The *Matin* says:—"Imperialist England of yesterday and democratic England of to-morrow are going to combine. Nothing will be more curious than to see the effect of this co-operation of men so dissimilar in origin but so similar in the desire to act."

M. Pichon writes in the *Petit Journal*:—"We must not let Mr. Asquith leave office without expressing the deep gratitude we in France owe to the illustrious and constant friend of our country. We will say the same of Lord Grey, Mr. McKenna and Lord Crewe. In the most tragic circumstances, at the hour when the situation was most serious and most obscure, these representatives of the British Liberal and Radical party were, with Mr. Winston Churchill, the most faithful and ardent defenders of our cause, which they realised, with so much reason, was that of the United Kingdom. It is especially thanks to them, to Lloyd George, and to the leaders of the Unionist party that British intervention was decided upon. Once more we shall not forget it."

"As to the man who is now Premier, he is the most qualified of all to achieve success in the hard task which he has undertaken to continue. He will bring to bear all his intelligence, energy, and foresight, and all the patriotic virtues which make of him an uncompromising Radical and chief of a majority the principal elements of which will be supplied by Unionists. What a historical lesson is the presence of men like Mr. Bonar Law, Lord Derby, Lord Curzon, Lord Milner, and Sir Edward Carson in the Cabinet of a Minister who was formerly their most vigorous and redoubtable opponent in internal politics!"

"One sees that, following the invariable tradition in all great crises in which the existence of the Empire was at stake, Great Britain is putting national safety before everything. The Lloyd George Ministry is being reduced to four or five persons to assume the direction of the war, strengthened by the assistance of the most eminent members of the two Houses of Parliament and by universally recognised experts who are not Parliamentarians. That is what we ought to supply to the Allied cause if we know how to act in France as in England, and associate ourselves closely and completely to the British action. We must supply an element of strength and victory, regarding which the Germans have good reason to be anxious."

The *Gaulois* says:—"A remarkable fact, which should be remembered at the present time, is the assistance which the House of Lords has rendered to the man who once fought it so fiercely, and which the Conservative Party has given to its most formidable adversary. That is the finest homage which could be paid to the high qualities of the man, who, without hesitation, has taken on his shoulders the heaviest responsibilities."—*Reuter*.

Company Meetings.

The West Point Building Co., the Central Estate, the Land Investment and Agency Co., and the Land Reclamation Co. are holding their annual shareholders meetings on Monday.

Bijou Attraction.

The Mahatma Company reopened at the Bijou Theatre last night with a good audience. Dr. Rowe and Mora have a splendid reputation as comedy magicians and spiritualists; their turn is an exceedingly clever and humorous burlesque, and an exposition of spiritualistic seances and kindred mysteries, as well as a demonstration of the methods of professional gamblers and card-sharps. In addition to being most entertaining, the disclosures of games of chance and skill serve a useful purpose.

THE CYCLIST CASE.

Pointed Questions to Plaintiff.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the hearing was continued of the case in which John Carr, of the Hongkong Electric Company, is claiming \$500 from the master of a sanitary junk, and others, for damages sustained through his falling off his bicycle, caused by a landing plank protruding out into the road.

Mr. Mattingley again appeared for plaintiff and Mr. F. O. Jenkin defended.

Mr. Jenkin said he wished to recall the plaintiff as certain information had come to his knowledge, and, whilst he was putting the question he wanted to, he would like Sergeant Floyd to be in Court.

Plaintiff was then asked as to his movements on the evening in question, and said that he did not stay at the Electric Station till 12 o'clock. He left there about 10.30 and after calling for a friend at the naval yard, went to the Alexandra Cafe. There they had refreshment and afterwards went to a hotel. He only had one drink, and did not sign chits for over \$3. When he saw Sergeant Floyd, he did not have a discussion about drinking. He did say that the accident must have been caused by defendant's negligence, because he (plaintiff) was sober. He thought that was a proper thing to say. He had not had a previous accident on this bicycle, but the accident he had outside the Civil Service Club was on a different machine. That was all buckled up, and he had sold it as old iron. It was not true that he took it to Lauritsen's and paid \$10 to have it repaired.

Sergeant Floyd was next called, and he said that plaintiff's first request, when he came to the station, was to see a doctor. He also said "Am I drunk, or am I sober?" Witness told him that nobody was accusing him of being drunk.

By his Lordship:—Plaintiff appeared to be a man who had had a drink. One could not say he was drunk, or even under the influence of drink. He was a little flushed, but spoke all right, and walked straight.

Questioned by Mr. Mattingley, witness said the plaintiff's manner might have been caused by the accident.

Answering Mr. Jenkin, witness said it was usual for an accident to have a sober effect. He had known men fall out of a ricksha and become sobered.

Mr. Mattingley later intimated that as an aspersion had been made against his client, he would court enquiry into his conduct and condition as far as possible. He would call the manager of the hotel, if necessary.

His Lordship said that the only evidence was that plaintiff had had one drink, and any man could have that.

Mr. Jenkin intimated that he was going to press the point strongly, and that plaintiff should act as he thought best.

Mr. Mattingley said that plaintiff would arrange for witnesses to be called who could speak as to his condition that night.

Evidence was also given by a police constable, who knows the spot well, and Mr. A. E. Second, a naval employee. The latter said that on the evening of the accident he particularly noticed the projecting plank, and had to go out of his way to get by. He had walked along the Praya for about five years, and had never seen a plank sticking out so far before. It struck him that the plank was particularly dangerous.

The case was adjourned.

Rubber and Coconuts.

Mr. A. Denison advises us that the crops from the Sengal Bampah Rubber, and Coconut Plantations Company's estate for the month of December were:—Rubber, 18,216 lbs.; coconuts, 1,420 net. The total output of rubber for the financial year 1916 was 155,557 lbs.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SEATHOLDERS.

The Question of Abolishing Pew Rents.

There were several important matters for consideration at the annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral, which was held at the City Hall last evening. The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander) presided over a large attendance, among those also present being the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. N. J. Stabb, Commodore Sandeman, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. A. H. Harris, and Mr. W. L. Pattenden (Hon. Secretary).

The Accounts.

The meeting having been opened by prayer, the Hon. Treasurer of the Church, Mr. Bowley, presented the accounts, and in so doing, said:—

In presenting the annual accounts there are two or three points I should like to draw attention to. At the annual meeting last year I made a special appeal for donations for the repairs which were necessary to prevent the fabric of the Cathedral from falling into decay, and I stated that, if 20 parishioners would follow the example of Mrs. Anstruther and the Hon. Mr. Severn and give \$50 each, the repairs would be paid for without encroaching upon the general fund. Unfortunately only \$490 were contributed in response to this appeal, and as a result we find that the expenditure in 1916 exceeds the income by \$575, and the credit balance of \$5.7 brought forward from last year becomes a debit of \$57. I should mention, however, that although there were 53 Sundays in 1916 the offertory on the extra Sunday (which was the last day of the year) is not included in the accounts, as it necessarily did not reach my hands until this month. Rigid economy was observed in regard to the repairs, only necessary work being undertaken under the able supervision of our honorary architects, Mr. Leask and Mr. Wood, to whom the thanks of the congregation are due. (Applause.) After the repairs were finished Mr. Titcher replanting and improving the compound at a cost of \$77. Unfortunately the adjacent building operations and the prolonged drought have combined to mar the result, but when these two causes have ceased to operate it is hoped that a great improvement will be noticed.

A house allowance has been substituted for the rent of the Chaplain's house on the cancellation of the lease of the latter. On the architect's advice the fire insurance has been considerably increased and it is thought that the building and contents are now fully insured. A new side-chapel screen has been erected, and the side chapel has been completely furnished, at the sole cost of a lady and gentleman who prefer to remain anonymous. Many of the congregation highly appreciate the result of these generous gifts. (Applause.)

Turning to receipts, you will notice an increase in the ordinary income of about \$500, which is accounted for increased offertories and donations. Pew Rents show a slight falling off, and now amount to just over \$3,000, representing 200 seats.

The question of pew rents is to be discussed at a later stage, and I will now only point out that the work of the Cathedral cannot be carried on without this source of income unless seatholders will submit to the self-censuring ordinance which is to be suggested to them, and continue to pay at least the equivalent of the rents in the shape of donations.

The Military Contribution has ceased owing to the fact that there is now no official Parade Service conducted by an Army Chaplain; on the other hand seats are reserved at the ordinary Sunday morning service for the Territorials and others; the seatholders having kindly agreed to regard all seats as free at 3 minutes to 11, when the bell stops.

Special collections show an increase of nearly \$1,000. Out of the total of \$638, sums amounting to \$2,146, have been contributed to various War Funds. The largest items are the Prisoners of War collection on the 4th August (\$909) and the collections at Organ Re-

citals for the Navy League Memorial Hospital (\$616). In this connection it may interest you to know that the collection for Prisoners of War on the first Sunday of this year realised \$834.

At the last meeting I told you that it was considered necessary to rebuild the sound-boards of the organ at an estimated cost of about \$3,000, and that it was proposed to take advantage of the expected visit of an expert organ builder from home, who is supplying a new organ to the Union Church. Delays connected with the War have hindered this gentleman's arrival, and consequently nothing has been done in the matter, and it is now reported that many of the stops are unusable. It will be necessary therefore to make a special appeal for the organ shortly, as the funds in hand amount to \$300 only.

No demands were made on the Choir Fund in 1916 beyond the usual payments for Choir Boys, tunings and printing, and there is a small balance in hand. The small Endowment and Reserve Funds are unchanged, standing at \$16,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

The subscriptions to the Assistant Chaplain Fund show a falling off of \$370, and the balance has been diminished by nearly \$500. From the accounts generally it will be seen that, although the Cathedral is not actually in debt, the margin is very fine, and current expenses can only be met if the income is kept up, whilst the necessity of paying passage money in the current year will make an additional call on our income. Bishop Norris, in one of his stirring addresses, emphasised the duty of all Christians not to "starve their Churches" in spite of the demands of War Funds, and since the Mission there has, I think, been an increased interest in Church work which has led to the loosening of purse strings. Since the War began it has become usual to point out the duty of giving instead of appealing to the sentiments of the charitable, and it may surely be laid down as a general principle that the first duty of every member of the Church of England in the Colony is to see that the Mother Church of the Colony is not starved. It is not right or fair for any individual to shirk this duty, and I should like to point out two ways in which every one can help. The first and most important is by giving more liberally to the offertories for Church Expenses. Although there are notable exceptions, some people have acquired the habit of thinking that the smallest coin of the realm is good enough for such an extremely dull and unexciting object as Church Expenses, and they forget that in this Colony the copper unit is worth only one farthing, and the 5 cent piece is little more than 1d. The 50 cent piece and the silver dollar are quite alarming in size and heavy to carry, but I can assure you that no sidesman will ever object to the weight of a bag full of silver dollars, and the forgetful can always sign one of the chits placed in the pews. Parents who send their children to Church might also give them silver instead of copper for the collection. The second way to help is by subscriptions. Presently a communication will be laid before you with reference to the broadening of the basis of the electorate of the Church Body, but I hope I shall not be out of order in pointing out now how extremely broad that basis is at present, although the number of persons who take the trouble to qualify themselves is very small. At present the electorate consists of registered seatholders and subscribers of \$10 and upwards. There are about 140 names only on the Register, and this must be a very small proportion of the members of the Church of England in Hongkong. Now I do not believe that there is any Churchman or Churchwoman in this Colony attending the Cathedral who cannot afford to pay a donation of at least \$10 a year in order to qualify for a vote. \$10 a year is only 20 cents a Sunday, and any one who would prefer to pay \$1 a month instead of \$10 at one time can put down his or her name as a subscriber to the Assistant Chaplain's Fund, and the shroff will call for the money every month.

The Bishop said:—In moving the adoption of the statement of accounts which has been so ably expounded by the Hon. Treasurer at this annual meeting of the seatholders and subscribers of the Cathedral, I feel that we have many reasons for thankfulness with regard to the past year and some reasons for earnest thought and much prayer for wisdom with regard to the future. There will no doubt be a vote of thanks to the Church body and numerous other persons who have contributed so largely to the carrying on of the Church work during the

past year. The National Mission of Repentance and Hope stands out as a very prominent feature in the year's work. We all owe a very deep debt of gratitude to Bishop Norris and the Rev. A. D. Stewart for all the help that they gave to us. The Bishop left his own Diocese for nearly a month and laboured with extraordinary energy and zeal. The mission proved that British men in this Colony are not indifferent to religion but that they take a very keen interest in it. The Council that arranged for the meetings was indefatigable and the secretaries, Messrs. Pattenden and Gerken, are to be heartily congratulated on their effective advertising and organising. The Treasurer, Mr. W. M. Humphreys, reported at the closing of the Council that some \$1,600 had been voluntarily subscribed and that the total expenses of the Mission were less than \$1,000, so the Council instructed me to ask Bishop Norris' acceptance of \$500 to be used in his Diocese in any way that he wished. The Council has sent a certain recommendation on this meeting which will be duly considered as we are all most anxious that the Mission should leave a large and united fellowship of men and women in this place committed to a life of open witness and aggressive work for Christ and His Church. The new Church Body, that you will be asked to appoint, will have very great responsibility laid upon it. It will have to make all necessary arrangements for the carrying on of the work of the Church. The engagements of the Chaplains, the Revs. H. Copley Moyle and H. G. H. Griffith will both terminate within the next thirteen months. It is now nearly five years since the former gave up the valuable living of Iping in Sussex to come out here, and early next year it will be three years since Mr. Griffith gave up a curacy in Wales to come out here as Assistant Chaplain. The new Church Body will have the responsibility of making new agreements with these gentlemen, or forming other plans for the carrying on of the work of the Church. I see that the Honourable Mr. Claud Severn is about to bring forward a resolution with regard to the letting of the seats. The Ordinance which governs the Cathedral and the Church Body evidently contemplates the letting of seats and the revenue from the practice is more than 1/4 of our total income.

For the seat-renting principle, it may be contended that it is a great convenience to regular members of the congregation, especially perhaps to the deaf and blind, that they should have a place reserved for them until the hour of commencing service, and such a place is so reserved that they may be better off in the Divine worship; and it is only fair to say that sweeping away pew rents does not necessarily fill Churches. There are pew rented Churches that are crowded for every service and there are free Churches that are practically empty. But on the other hand, if letting sittings causes them to be left unoccupied because tenants of them fail to recognise their responsibility to have them used at every service, the system may be doing more harm to the Church than the money does good. And in my opinion to have all seats free in our places of worship is more in accordance with the teaching of the New Testament.

There is one other matter connected with the accounts to which I should like to refer; it is with regard to the special collections. The Church Body find it necessary to deduct from almost all these special collections a considerable portion, sometimes as much as half; so that when a man gives \$10 instead of his usual \$1 say to the Diocesan Girls School and Orphanage, he may be really giving \$5 to the Church expenses and \$5 to the Charity. I should like to see the Cathedral so in funds that it is able to give the whole of a collection to such charities. At any rate I think members of the congregation should be distinctly informed of how much of their \$10, so to speak, is going to the charity and how much to Church expenses. I beg to move that the statement of accounts be passed.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock seconded and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The Church Body. The voting for six years members of the Church Body resulted in the election of the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. N. J. Stabb and Mr. A. H. Harris.

Commodore Sandeman who received sufficient votes to entitle him to election declined to accept office.

Auditor. Mr. H. C. Sandford was re-elected auditor on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, seconded by Mr. S. H. Dodwell.

Pew Rents. In proposing "That this meeting of seatholders and subscribers requests the Church Body not to let any new sitting, and to invite each registered seatholder to resign his or her sitting, and to contribute a sum not less than the rent of such sitting year by year year to the Cathedral Funds: every sitting so resigned to become a Free Seat."

Mr. Claud Severn said that the question of whether the seats in the Cathedral should be free had excited some amount of interest, and he had discussed the matter with several members of the congregation. In view of that interest he had, with the help of Mr. Bowley, formulated this resolution. Having reviewed the history of the church so far as the rights of seatholders were concerned, Mr. Severn said he was not going to argue the broad question of whether it was better that they should have free seats in churches or rented pews, but would like to deal practically with the matter as he had observed it during his stay of five years in the Colony. His experience was that although seatholders to a great extent occupied their seats at the morning service they did not do so to any extent in the evening, and whilst there might be very good reasons for that, the effect was that there were about only twelve persons in the first seven pews, whilst the back of the church was fairly well filled. It was discouraging to the preacher to hear empty pews in front of him, and it also prevented many people who liked front seats from having them, because of the regulations of the church. He had no intention of pressing his resolution, but had brought it forward so that the matter might be discussed. He thought they might vote to see whether seatholders would be willing to let their seats be free five minutes before the evening service commenced, so that empty seats might be filled by people who would otherwise have to beat the back of the church. In the present circumstances he did not think they should make any great differences and abolish pew rents altogether, for that could be discussed when times were more opportune, but he did think the matter should be aired.

The resolution was seconded by Dr. Earle, who reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of the pew rent system. Its advantages were that the Cathedral had an assured source of revenue, and that the individual always had the same seat, and need not arrive until just before the service commenced. The disadvantages were that the seats were empty if the seatholders did not come, and that non-seat holders usually had to have a back seat. He objected to rented pews because he thought it introduced class distinction, and there should be no such thing among Christians. Of course that was a more important matter at home than in Hongkong. If they wanted to make their church more effective they should abolish pew rents and so abolish social distinction. It also suggested that they were trafficking in spiritual comforts, and that was a thing they hardly wanted to do. It also made the church appear like a house of entertainment, for it was like buying a seat for a theatre.

Mr. Bowley said although it had fallen to his lot during the last two years to collect the pew rents, he agreed with the proposer of the motion that in principle the system of letting seats in a Church was indefensible. It was a relic of the feudal system when the squire and his dame with their numerous progeny occupied the principal or only pew in the Church facing their vassals and the common people. It was entirely unsuited to this democratic age and especially so during the great war which had taught them that all their compatriots and Allies were brothers. It was un-Christian as it was essentially selfish and, as he understood it, and the Church preached it, selfishness was the essence of Christianity. He had already pointed out that it was the duty as well as the privilege of every member of the Church of England to support the Church and in return every parishioner as well as every visitor enjoyed the benefit of free admission to the Church and its services to all. But for the selfishness of that duty no person should claim any privilege within the Church over any weaker or poorer person. Turning from theory to practice they found that 200 of the best seats in the Church were reserved and when it happened, as it not infrequently did, that a seatholder

was otherwise engaged, the seat probably remained empty, the average visitor having an antipathy to moving forward when the bell had stopped and all seats were free. The front part of the Church was often half empty, with the result that the service was half hearted and there was a chilly and discouraging atmosphere in the Church. The letting of the seats being by the year it was impossible, he thought, to cancel them without giving six months notice and it was therefore suggested that seatholders should voluntarily resign their seats, and contribute at least the amount of the rents previously paid as a donation, thereby qualifying for a vote as a registered subscriber. A step was made in this direction in March 1915, when seatholders were invited by circular to agree that all seats should be free at three minutes to 11 on Sunday mornings for the use of the Territorials whenever they attended the Cathedral: no seatholder objected and he had heard of no complaints with regard to it, although a number of seatholders were regularly displaced. He thought that seatholders would find if this motion were adopted that it would make very little difference to their convenience. There were two classes of seatholders, individuals, who held seats in their own names, and companies and firms which took seats for their employees. The individuals would be able to secure the seats to which they were accustomed by coming to Church a few minutes earlier. The employees of firms would always find room in the Cathedral and if they arrived early they could easily secure the seats they might prefer. The firms would not be affected in any way, the object of their subscription being, he imagined, to provide for the religious needs of their employees by supporting the Churches with their ministers and officers. That object would be equally well attained whether the seats in the Churches were appropriated or not. He hoped that this motion would be adopted in a friendly spirit and that the Treasurer might speedily receive resignations of all the appropriated seats together with cheques for not less than the rents previously paid.

Professor Warren did not think that renting pews was anti-democratic, any more than the renting of a house was. He preferred his own house and also his own pew in Church. To do away with the rents would make a great difference to the revenue. With regard to the allotment of seats he did not think there should be a flat charge. Applications should be made to the Secretary, as now, and if a man could only afford to pay \$1 he should only be charged that, whereas if a man could afford \$50 he should not mind paying it. At the present time pews could only be rented by people of some means.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak thought that it would be very unwise to do away with pew rents, because they were practically the only endowment the church had. It had been suggested that people who now rented pews should give them up and give subscriptions, but he was afraid that a decreased revenue would result. If it were decided in the present circumstances to do away with pew rents it would be an act of positive folly. He regretted the mention of class distinction, because he did not think for a moment that it existed in their church. It was true that certain individuals and Hong Kong held seats but that was only the result of their being old residents of the Colony. They would alienate a considerable amount of sympathy if they harshly told people that they were taking seats away, but would like to receive subscriptions instead. He did not think there was any comparison between a parish church at home and the Cathedral here. The church would live to regret taking that step at the present time. He would suggest that they should have ushers in regular attendance to show visitors into seats. (Applause.)

Mr. Parr agreed with the proposer and seconded as to the undesirability of having pew rents, but thought that if they asked for subscriptions instead some people would pay and some would not. That would affect the finances of the church. Mr. Pattenden thought that seats might be free for the evening service. With regard to the question of whether the seats should be free or not, Mr. Severn said that he was not in a position to say anything more at present. A discussion then took place on the question of making seats free some time before the service and eventually it was agreed that seats should be free five minutes before the service, both morning and evening.

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Mr. Harris seconded the motion which was carried.

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The proposer undertakes to provide a sum not exceeding \$50, which he understands will be sufficient for this Bible, if this proposal be adopted.

2. That this Meeting do send home this their humble petition to Higher Authority in England that a new edition of the Prayer Book be authorised using the Revised Version where the Bible is quoted and, in particular, that the translations of the Three Creeds be reconsidered and, if necessary for greater accuracy, revised.

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(a) the original Greek or Hebrew for all technical terms and as spirit (pneuma);

(b) with their literal meanings also (breath);

(c) and wherever possible the literal meanings of all proper names.

4. That this meeting do send home this their humble petition to Higher Authority in England that committee be appointed, or a society formed, to systematically investigate the possibility of a hidden symbolism in the Bible.

Captain Carr explained the objects of the resolution at some length, and then they were seconded by the Rev. Cooper Hunt.

As the meeting had already ended over a considerable period the Bishop suggested that perhaps it would be better if only the first resolution were taken at this meeting.

On this being agreed to the Rev. Copley Moyle explained that the Revised Version of the Bible was now being used in the Cathedral.

The motion was put to the meeting, and was carried by a large majority.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion by the Rev. Copley Moyle proposing the usual votes of thanks to all workers of the Church.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

Eastern Extension, Australasia & China Telegraph Co.

Boot, from Chicago.

Chuan-tien-tan Tion-tuan St. from Manila.

Campbell Krenlin, from New York.

Chop Wong Feon Kee Milkshop Market St., from Kuala Lumpur.

Hecumyow Choy, from Singapore.

Kum-johong, from Singapore.

Howells, from Auckland.

Kee-ang-chun Cabin No. 23 Top floor from Singapore.

Kwan-hen-tye, from Bangkok.

Lam-mun Ohn, from Singapore.

Mind-mun-cho, from Singapore.

Sam Hing-shay.

Madler, from Manila.

Steamer Telo T. om Singapore.

Yong-tai-ang Winglok St., from Singapore.

J. M. BUCK, Superintendent.

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J. M. BUCK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 25, 1917.

The National Mission. A Letter from Hon. Secretary of the Council of the National Mission forwarding a resolution of the Council recommending that in the election of the Cathedral Body, the electoral basis should be broadened was laid on the table.

Commodore Sandeman said that it had occurred to him, apropos of the National Mission, that it was the duty of the church to take some action, and he wished to submit the following resolution:—"That the Church Body is requested to consider whether it is necessary to take any steps towards promoting greater self-sacrifice among the British residents of Hongkong at this critical period in our national history, and, if so, to recommend what steps should be taken." He was only asking for an expression of opinion, but it seemed to him that the National Mission led to a certain amount of enthusiasm and should be seen through. Perhaps some steps could be taken to put into effect the words of Bishop Norris, and the Church Body might consider the question.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion which was carried.

Captain W. B. H. Carr, R. E. next proposed the following resolutions:—

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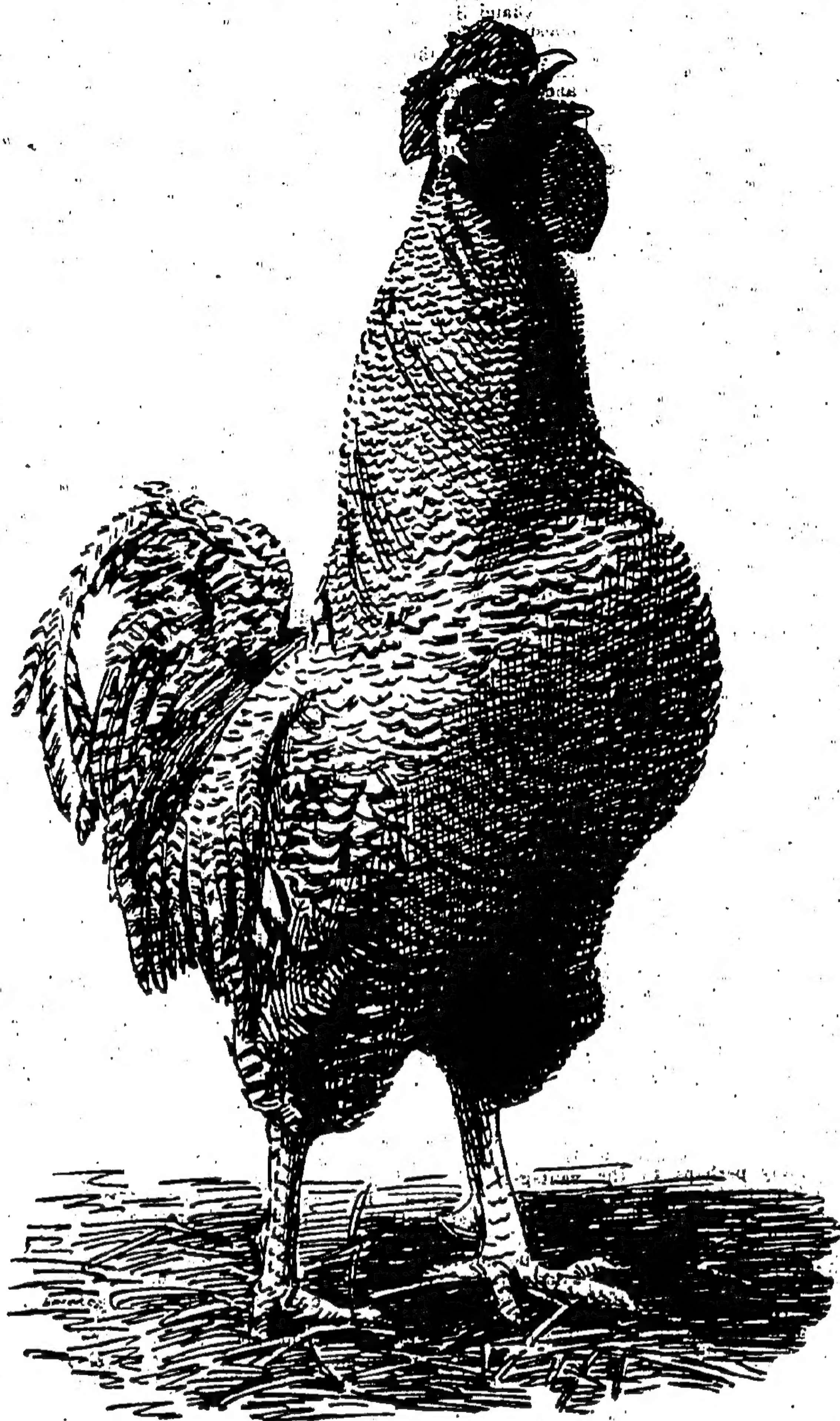
Hongkong, January 25, 1917.

HOTEL LISTS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Anderson G E	Henderson C A
Atkinson E L	Higgins J A
Andrew D O T	Joseph E M
Brady B A	Kale F H
Bellis R E	Knodner Dr A T
Bleeker F D	Knox C
Baxter Mr & Mrs	Kraft A N B
H A	Keith A M
Baxter Master	Kiss M A
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SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLING; SA.—SALES; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

To-day's Closing Prices	STOCK.	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1915. Highest	1915. Lowest	1916/7. Highest	1916/7. Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.									
b. \$703	H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125	all	845	Sept.	785	May	880 700
n. \$375	Marine Insurance, Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	50	427 1/2	Sept.	340	Jan.	426 375
n. \$150	North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$15	25	180	April	145	Jan.	180 150
n. \$900	Union Ins. S'ty of C'lon, Ltd.	12,400	\$250	100	972	Aug.	760	Jan.	\$1605 \$880
n. ex \$255	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	\$100	60	280	Dec.	200	Jan.	300 240
n. \$155	Fire Insurance, China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	20	163	Aug.	127 1/2	April	168 152
n. \$375	H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	50	420	Sept.	385	Jan.	420 367 1/2
Shipping.									
b. \$117	Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	104 1/2	Dec.	28 1/2	Mar.	137 106
b. \$20 1/4	H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$15	all	22 1/2	May	19	Dec.	24 17 1/2
b. \$132 1/4	Indo-China (Combined Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.)	60,000	\$5	all	172	Dec.	62 1/2	Jan.	190 171
n. \$41 1/4	Deferred	60,000	\$5	all	117	Dec.	60	Dec.	142 110
n. \$106 1/2	Preferred	60,000	\$5	all	68	Oct.	54	Aug.	55 41 1/2
n. \$35	Shell T'port & T'ing Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	\$1	all	94 1/2	June	75 1/2	Jan.	112 1/2 86 1/2
n. \$35	Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	93 1/2	Oct.	23	July	41 35
n. \$128	Refineries, China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	all	134 1/2	Sept.	80	Jan.	146 100
n. \$37	Malabon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	14,000	P.30	all	40 1/2		30 1/2		\$12 for 1915 First year
Mining.									
n. \$36 1/2	Kailan Mining Admin'tion, Reub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	35 1/2	April	30 1/2	Dec.	36 1/2 26 1/2
n. \$240	Tronoh Mines Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	440	Mar.	240	Jan.	335 170
n. \$31 1/2	Ural Caspians	160,000	\$1	all	25 1/2	Dec.	32 1/2	Mar.	42 1/2 27 1/2
n. \$32 1/2	Ural Caspians	796,666	\$1	all	43 1/2	April	25 1/2	Jan.	38 1/2 31 1/2
b. \$85	Docks & Wharves, Godowns, &c., H'kong & W. & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	82	Oct.	65	April	86 71
n. \$15 1/2	H.K. & W. D. Co. Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	90	Oct.	56	Mar.	135 78 1/2
n. \$87	S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	55,700	\$100	all	63 1/2	Sept.	49	July	92 1/2 59
n. \$82	S'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	36,000	\$100	all	100	Dec.	10	April	93 81
n. \$115	Lands, Hotels and Buildings, H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	124	Feb.	108	Dec.	118 107
n. \$95	H'kong Land Investment Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	114	Jan.	103 1/2	Dec.	105 1/2 95
n. \$7	H'phreys Estate & F. Co. Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	7 1/4	Jan.	6	July	7 1/2 6 40
n. \$35	K'loon Land & B'ing Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	30	44	Jan.	40	Sept.	38 35
n. \$86	Shanghai Lands	78,000	\$50	all	17	Mar.	107	Dec.	107 85
n. \$80	West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$50	all	68 1/2	Mar.	77	Dec.	90 77
n. \$100	H'kong Central Estates, Cotton Mills.	10,000	\$100	all	103	Dec.	99	Jan.	103 97
n. \$145	Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	180	July	117	Jan.	167 130
n. \$134	Kung Yik	75,000	\$10	all	161	July	114	Feb.	162 114
n. \$80	Laou Kung Mow	8,000	\$100	all	90 1/4	Sept.	72	Jan.	81 63
n. \$117	Shanghai Cottons	40,000	\$50	all	160	May	77	Jan.	125 81
n. \$54	Yangtze Paper Co., Ltd.	175,000	\$5	all	61	Oct.	63 1/2	Dec.	61 43 1/2
n. \$8.00	Miscellaneous, China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$12	all	11 1/2	Apr.	5 1/2	May	10.35 8.00
n. \$4.50	China Light Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	3.65	Mar.	4.95	Oct.	4.90 4.30
n. \$9.00	Do. (Spec. shares)	50,000	\$1	all	11	Jan.	10.15	Oct.	10.10 8.40
n. \$25 1/2	China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	7 1/2	Jan.	29	Dec.	41 25 1/2
n. \$11.60	Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$7 1/2	all	11.20	Jan.	5.20	Jan.	12.10 8.65
n. \$151	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$10	all	45	Oct.	36 1/2	Feb.	55 43
n. \$160	Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$25	all	190	Dec.	183	Oct.	190 158
n. \$34 1/2	Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$25	all	34 1/2	Dec.	25	Jan.	41 30
n. \$7.00	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	34 1/2	Dec.	25	Jan.	41 30
n. \$21 1/2	Langkats	250,000	\$10	all	43 1/2	May	35	Mar.	40 1/2 20
n. \$10	Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Mar.	9.30	June	10.25 9 1/2
n. \$1	Do (New)	50,000	\$10	\$1	1.00	Mar.	80	Oct.	1.00 60 cts.
n. \$33 1/2	Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	4.25	Jan.	3	June	3.80 3 1/4
n. \$16	Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,723	\$10	all	13	Jan.	16	Dec.	17 14
n. \$6 1/2	Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	7.10	Mar.	6.50	Oct.	7.70 6
n. \$6	William Powell, Limited	21,000	\$7	all	6.90	Aug.	6	Dec.	7 1/2 5 1/2
n. \$20	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25	all	28		28		29 28
n. \$9 1/2	H'kong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	7,808	\$10	all	28		10		9 1/2

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ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS."

THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their report, dated Friday, the 26th January, state:— Since our last report of the 19th instant, the Chinese New Year holidays have intervened, and business has in consequence been very limited. The market has not properly re-opened, and there is very little enquiry. Quotations for speculative stocks remain unchanged, whilst investment shares are still hard to place, and can in most cases be obtained under current rates. The Shanghai Stock Exchange has been closed from the 23rd instant, and does not open till the 29th. A few sales of Shanghai Cottons have been made locally at the 124 March.

BANKS.—No business is reported; there are buyers at \$705.

MARINE & FIRE INSURANCES.—Cantons have been placed at \$375, and are on offer at this rate. Unions have again found buyers at \$900, whilst Hongkong Fire can be obtained at \$375, and probably under this rate would be accepted.

SHIPPING.—Dongas, after sales at \$116 cash and \$120 March, are wanted at \$117 cash and \$121 March; and close in demand forward. The Steamship Company announces the following figures for 1916:—Payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share; write-off book values of steamers and wharves, \$50,000; transfer to Special Repairs Fund, \$20,000; payment of a bonus to steamers' officers and engineers and office staff, \$5,000; and carry forward to new account, \$20,168.60.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been placed at \$128 cash, and \$132 March. Malabons have been sold at \$37 1/2, and at the close are wanted at this rate.

DOCKS & WHARVES.—Sales have been made of Hongkong and Whampoa Docks at \$125, and Kowloon Wharves at \$85, and the market for both these stocks remains quiet.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS, ETC.—Beyond a sale of Humphrey's Estates at \$7.00, we have nothing fresh to report under this heading. Hongkong Lands can be obtained at \$95, and Hongkong Hotels can be got at \$114.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Diamonds have changed hands in fair quantities at \$114 cash, and are firmer at \$117 for the Settlement. China Providents are nominal at \$9.00. China Lights are wanted at \$4 1/2. Watsons at \$6 1/2, and Powells at \$6. Waterboats are firmer at \$16 buyers, after the issue of the Company's report for 1916, subject to audit, which is as follows:—Payment of a dividend of \$1.25 per share, write-off wharves \$15,000; off pipes and staging, \$500; off investments, \$1,000; and carry forward a balance of \$8,221.31. Hongkong Tramways have again been sold at \$7.00.

COMPANIES' NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Malabon Sugar Co. Transfer Books will be closed from 1st to 15th February.

Ordinary General Meetings of the following Companies will take place as follows:—

West Point Building Co., on the 29th instant, at 11.30 a.m.

Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., on the 29th instant, at 11.45 a.m.

Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., on the 29th instant, at 12.00 noon.

Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., on the 29th instant, at 12.15 p.m.

Kowloon Land and Buildings Co., Ltd., on 10th Feb., at 11 a.m.; books closed 1-10 Feb.

Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., on 3rd Feb., at 11.30 a.m., books closed 27/1 to 3/2.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., on 13th Feb., at noon; books closed 31/1 to 13/2.

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Hongkong, Friday, 26th Jan., 1917.

SELLING.

T/T	2/5 3/4
Demand	2/5 15/16
30 d/s	2/4
60 d/s	2/4 1/2
4 m/s	2/4 3/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	89
T/T Japan	108 1/4
T/T India	169 1/2 Nom.
Demand, India	169 1/2 Nom.
T/T San Francisco	55 1/4
co & New York	55 1/4
T/T Java	133 1/4
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	322
Demand, Paris	322 1/4

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	2/4 11/16
4 m/s. D/P	2/4 13/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/4 15/16
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	2/4 15/16
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	56 1/4

4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	334
6 m/s. France	339
Demand, Germany	55 3/4
Demand, New York	55 3/4
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	169 1/4 Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	169 1/4 Nom.
Demand, Manila	110 1/2
Demand, Singapore	99
On Haiphong	2 1/4 prem.
On Saigon	2 1/4 prem.
On Bangkok	66 1/4
Sovereign	850 Nom.
Gold Leaf, per oz.	
Bar Silver, per oz.	37.3/16

DISCOUNT PER 100:

Chinese	20 cts. pieces 5 1/4 dis.
Chinese	10 " 5 1/2 dis.
Hongkong 30 cts. pieces 1 1/4 prem.	
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RESERVE FUNDS \$3,331,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1916.

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HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 Months 3% per annum

For 6 Months 4% per annum

For 12 Months 4 1/2% per annum

LOOK POON SHAN, Chief Manager.

NOTICE.

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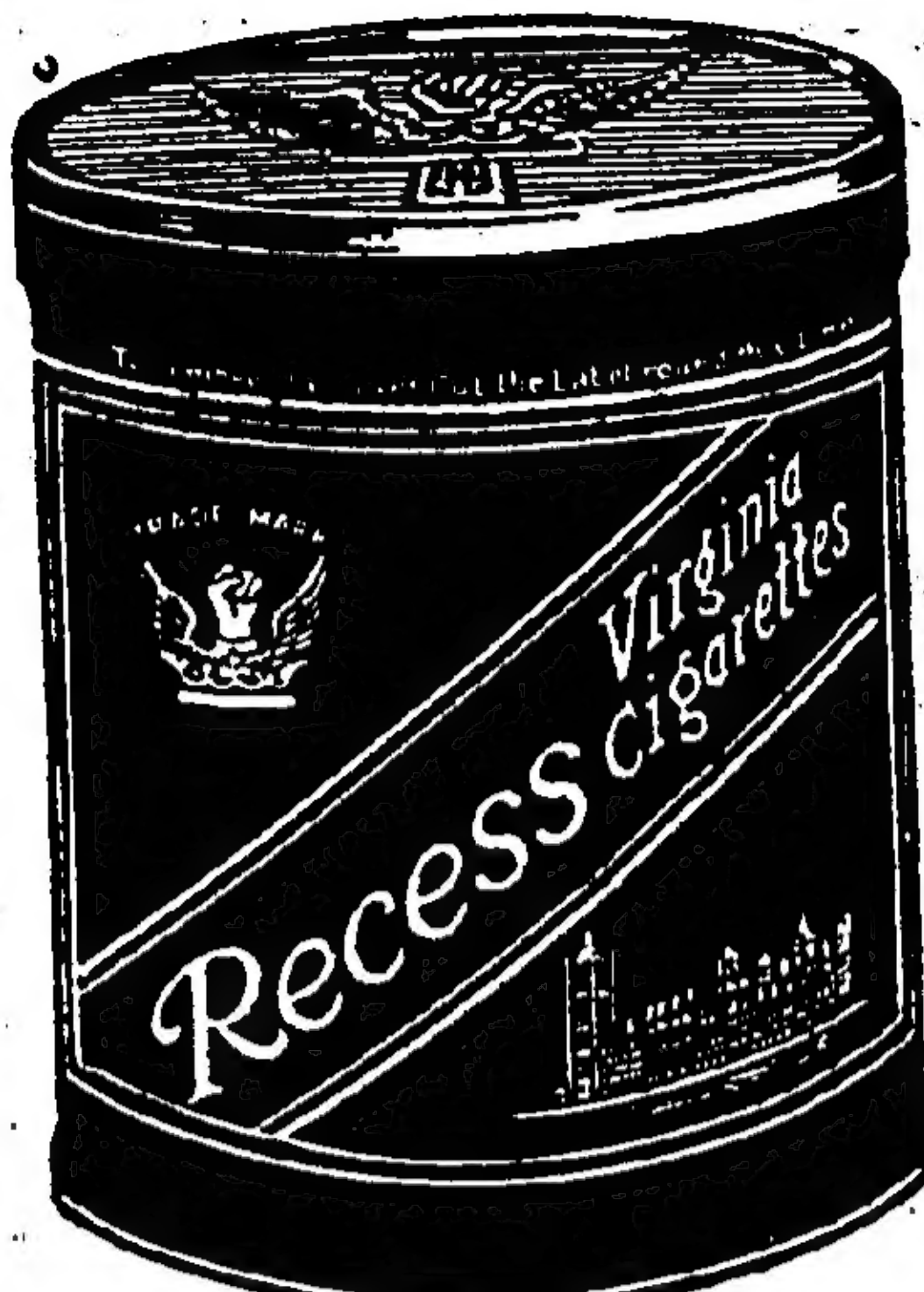
TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS	EVERY 15 MIN.
1.00 a.m. to 1.15 a.m.	1.00 a.m. to 1.15 a.m.
1.15 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.	1.15 a.m. to 1.30 a.m.
1.30 a.m. to 1.45 a.m.	1.30 a.m. to 1.45 a.m.
1.45 a.m. to 2.00 a.m.	1.45 a.m. to 2.00 a.m.
2.00 a.m. to 2.15 a.m.	2.00 a.m. to 2.15 a.m.
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7.00 a.m. to 7.15 a.m.	7.00 a.m. to 7.15 a.m.
7.15 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	7.

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thereon known as Nos. 6 and 7
Praya East and Nos. 48, 50, 52,
54, 56, 58 and 60 Queen's Road,
East Victoria aforesaid.The said premises are held for
the term of 999 years from the
5th day of July 1844 created
therein by a Crown Lease of the
said Lot dated the 14th day of
July 1881 and made between Her
late Majesty Queen Victoria of
the one part and Lee Yuen Wa
of the other part subject to the
payment of the Crown Rent and
to the observance and perfor-
mance of the Lessee's covenants
and conditions therein reserved
and contained.Area 27,507 square feet or
thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent
\$484 84For further particulars and
conditions of sale apply to
DENNIS & BOWLEY,
6, Des Voeux Road, Central,
Solicitors for the Vendor,
or to
MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer, Duddell Street

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
AUCTIONEER, SHARE &
GENERAL BROKER.THE Undersigned has received
instructions to sell by Public
Auction onTHURSDAY, the 1st February,
1917,

at 12 o'clock (noon),

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell
Street.(For account of the concerned)
The Steam Launch,
"Kwong Sing."

Length 83' 5"

Breadth 15' 1"

Depth 9' 6"

Gross tonnage 60.03

Net tonnage 40.82

Terms: Cash on fall of ham-
mer.N.B. The launch is sold subject
to existing charter, of which
full particulars can be had
fromGEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT
SOCIETY.THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the Hong-
kong Benevolent Society will be
held on WEDNESDAY next the
31st of January, at 12.30 in the
City Hall. All subscribers are
invited. The Hon. Mr. P. H.
Hoyak has kindly consented
to take the chair.

KEROSENE OIL.

We guarantee all kerosene oil
sold by us to be pure and
unadulterated.

Present price—

"WHITE ROSE,"

\$5.40 per case ex store.

"COMET,"

\$5.20 per case ex store.

CHING CHEONG

168 Des Voeux Road Central.

2 blocks West of Cent. Market.

KWONG YUEN,

19 Des Voeux Road, West.

RUBBER SHARE
REPORT.PRICES BY MAIL From
SINGAPORE Dated
Dec. 28th, 1916.

Sterling Shares.

Nom. Value. Buyers Sellers.

[2/- Shares.

Allagar 2/3 2/3

Anglo-Java 4/- 5/-

Anglo-Malay 16/- 12/-

Batang Malaka 3/2 3/8

Bekoh 2/- 3/2 1/2

Bkt. Martajam 3/6 4/6

Bkt. Sembawang 2/6 3/-

Chersonese (F.M.S.) 12/3 4/-

Chimpul 1/6 1/10

Cicely 17/6 20/-

Cicely Pref. 18/- 21/-

Consolidated 10/- 12/6

Heawood 2/5 2/8

Kamuning Perak 2/3 3/3

Kota Tinggi 2/5 2/3

Labu (F.M.S.) 6/- 7/6

Linggi Ord. 18/- 20/-

London A.R. 6/6 7/3

Merlimau 4/6 5/6

Padang Jawa 2/6 3/-

Pataing 30/- 35/-

Perak 5/- 6/6

Port Dickson 2/4 3/-

Selangor 22/6 25/-

Spore Para 3/- 3/6

Spore United 2/3 2/3

Str. Settlements
(Bertram) 1/1 5/7 1/2

Sumatra Para 6/3 7/6

Untd. Serdang

Sumatra 11/6 13/-

Untd. Sumatra 6/6 7/6

Untd. Temiang 2/10 3/3

Vallambrosa 15/3 17/3

[1/- Shares.

Batu Tiga 60/- 80/-

Bkt. Rajah 133/- 150/0

Castlefield 100/- 112/6

Damansara 65/- 75/-

H'lands & L'lands 50/- 55/-

Kuala Lumpur 80/- 85/-

Lansdown 40/- 45/-

Langen (Java) 45/- 50/-

Ledbury 50/- 57/6

Lumut 37/6 45/-

Malacca R.P.

Ord. 80/- 90/-

[7/- Pref. 70/- 80/-

Nordana 21/- 25/6

Permas 28/3 35/-

Pegoh 42/6 50/-

Rambia Ord. 26/- 30/-

Rambia Pref. 24/- 30/-

Rubber Plant

Invest 21/- 23/6

Sapong 25/- 30/-

Seaford 80/- 90/-

Seremban 17/6 20/-

Shelford 27/6 35/-

Sialang 60/- 70/-

S'gei Way 75/- 85/-

Teluk (Johore) 60/- 70/-

Untd. Sun Belong 50/- 60/-

Dollar Shares.

[1/- Shares.

Aloy Gajah 3.75 4.00

Ayer Kuning 1.30 1.40

Ayer Molek 2.50 2.40

Bakowale 4.60 4.80

Bkt. Jelutong .65 .75

Bkt. Kati .75 .85

Glencely 2.0 2.40

Jeram 1.75 1.30

Jimah 1.75 1.85

Malaka Pinda 1.85 2.00

Mandai Tekong .30 .55

Pantai 1.90 2.00

Pungor .75 .85

Tambalak .90 1.00

Ulu Pandan .80 .90

Untd. Malacca 1.00 1.15

[2/- Shares.

Kampas 7.00 7.50

Malakoff 4.70 4.85

New Serendah 4.00 4.30

Sandycroft 4.50 5.00

S'gei Bagan 3.40 3.60

Trafalgar 1.50 1.55

[5/- Shares.

Ayer Panna 11.25 12.70

Ch'kat Serdang 9.25 9.60

Haytor 10.00 11.00

Kleamak 6.00 6.50

Lunas 6.00 7.00

Mergul 4.50 4.80

Nyalas 6.50 6.80

Paj. m. 12.00 20.00

Radella 10.25 10.75

Teluk Anson 10.50 11.50

[10/- Shares.

Bukit Timah 12.00 15.00

Indragiri 13.00 20.00

Pulau Belang 3.50 4.00

Tepah 21.00 22.00

POST OFFICE.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming
Mails will not be advertised in future.
The Post Office will forward all corre-
spondence posted by the fastest routes.Correspondence addressed to enemy
subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and
Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Mor-
occo cannot be transmitted.The Services to Germany, Austria, Bul-
garia and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS
OUTWARD.

Tel. O.—Week days, 5 p.m.

Tel. P.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sunday,
9.30 a.m.

Cheung Chow.—Week days, 2 p.m.

Shatautok, Shaun and Sheungshui.—
Week days, 4 p.m.Aberdeen, Aitau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung,
Santia and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.Canton, Samah and Wuchow.—Week
days, 7.30 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Let-
ter 6 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m.Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;
Sunday, 9 a.m.Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except
Saturdays: Sunday, 5 p.m.Nantau and Sennei.—Week days,
5 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m.Shamshun.—Week days, 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.;
Sunday, 9 a.m.FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN
BRANCH P.O.Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;
Sunday, 8.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.,
1.30 p.m.Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; 1.30 p.m.;
Sunday, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m.,
1.30 p.m.Tel. Pong Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.;
Saturdays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.Shek Ki.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sun-
days, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sun-
days, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.Kumchuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sun-
days, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.Kaukung.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except
Saturdays: Sunday, 6 p.m.; Holidays,
6 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Pakhi Br., ss. 1,228, A. Tucker, 26th
Jan.—Haiphong, 25th Jan., Coal—
B. & S.Hongwan I. Br., ss. 2,060 Eydum, 26th
Jan.—Singapore, 26th Jan., Gen.—
ChinaFocchow Br., ss. 1,228, Davis, 26th Jan.—
Bangkok 16th Jan., Rice.—B. & S.Halvard Br., ss. 1,066, C. Beck, 26th
Jan.—Bangkok, 17th Jan., Rice—
T. & Co.Kenkon Br., ss. 1,681, Kuta, 26th
Jan.—Cingapao, 19th Jan., C. al.
B. & Co.Cleron Br., ss. 1,216, Warrell, 26th Jan.—
Shanghai 23rd Jan., Gen.—B. & S.Kiwai Br., ss. 619, N. Kido, 27th
Jan.—Kifu, 24th Jan., Coal—G. &
Co.Wingang Br., ss. 1,517, Morrison, 26th
Jan.—Shanghai and Swatow 21st and
27th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

N. K. K. Godowns Destroyed.

Godown "A" and "B" of the
Nishin Kien Kaisha, at Han-
kow, were destroyed by fire in
the early morning on January 7,
and it is generally understood
that total damage to building
and contents will aggregate over
Tls. 1,000,000. The river is ex-
ceedingly low, being down to the
2ft. mark, which means that the
edge of the steam is a long way
from the Burd, a fact which
added to the delay caused by the
frozen hydrants, but "C" godown,
near by, was saved. The two
destroyed godowns occupy an
area of 350 fong and were insured
for close on Y.100,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Weather Report and Forecast
for to-morrow will be found
on a Second Extra.On the 16th at 10.58—Pressure has in-
creased moderately over N. Japan and
N.E. China, and slightly over the Yang-
tze Valley and the Philippines. It has
decreased moderately to slightly from
S.W. Japan to Hongkong.The anticyclone has passed into the
Pacific. Another has formed over S.
Mongolia.Moderate to fresh breeze is indicated
along the east coast of China and over
the China Sea.Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.60 inch.
Total since January 1st, 0.34 inches,
against an average of 1.02 inches.FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock.

2 Formosa Channel.

3 South coast of China be-
tween H.K. and Lamock.4 South coast of China be-
tween H.K. and Hainan.

Forecast.

N.E. winds,
fresh;
fair;
N.E. winds,
freshening
consider-
ably.The same
as No. 1.The same
as No. 1.China Coast Meteorological Register,
January 26, a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Wind.

Force.

Weather.

Vostock 6a 30.18 4 2 4b

Nemuro 5a 29.77 2 2 2b

Hakodate 5a 29.77 2 2 2b

Tokyo 5a 30.01 2 2 2b

Kobe 5a 30.13 2 2 2b

Nagasaki 5a 30.11 2 2 2b

Oshima 5a 30.08 2 2 2b

Naha 5a 30.11 2 2 2b

Ishikawa 5a 30.11 2 2 2b

Bonin Is. 5a 30.14 2 2 2b

Chefoo 6a 30.34 4 2 2b

Hankow 5a 30.07 52 27 0b

Ichang 5a 30.07 52 27 0b

Kiating 5a 30.07 52 27 0b

Shanghai 5a 30.07 52 27 0b

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